

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Why More Troops?

IT was a most inadequate statement that the War Office issued announcing the despatch of British troops to Cyprus because of the "disturbed position" in the Middle East. In what way has the situation suddenly become so serious that more troops have to be sent for "the protection of British subjects in the area"?

Since the week-end there have been these developments: another Jordan Government has fallen after further rioting and the new Premier has declared that he is against joining the Baghdad pact. Local Communists allegedly took part in rioting in Amman, the Jordan capital, and Israeli troops are reported to be "massing" on the Jordan border and the Arab Legion has been reinforced.

Was it one of these that inspired the decision? Or was it, as the statement seems to suggest but does not say, action taken because of a whole crop of incidents in recent months including Egypt's purchase of Czech arms have caused a worsening condition which Britain is anxious to redress.

AS it is the Middle East situation presents a perplexing spectacle, Britain may be justifiably concerned at events in Jordan where the prestige of the monarchy received a jolting following the High Court declaration that the dissolution of Parliament was unconstitutional. The new Premier has announced he does not favour joining any new alliances.

The Baghdad pact, never a very robust alliance because of conflicting ideas among member nations about its purpose and use, becomes a little weaker with the news and the "neutral" Arab bloc, backed by Soviet Russia, possibly a little stronger. Renewed aggression by Israel at this stage could only complicate an already complicated situation and solidify Arab opposition. It is to be hoped she realises that selfish indifference to the present situation can only weaken Western sympathy for her cause.

British subjects including the British Middle East oil industry—certainly demand protection in the event of any trouble, but is there real prospect of this and besides is this the main reason for the decision? Or does the British Government feel that the presence of more British troops in the area will have a stabilising effect on the situation?

IT is possible to understand why Britain, alone of the three Big Western powers, has sent forces to the Mediterranean for although all three are pledged to guarantee the borders of Israel—and therefore those of the surrounding Arab countries—against violation under the 1950 Tripartite Agreement, only Britain is a partner in the Baghdad pact and to that extent is more fully committed to maintaining peace and calm.

But if the situation is so serious as to warrant the deployment of troops by air, it is surprising that there has been no apparent echo of alarm in Washington. America also has a large oil industry in the Middle East and several thousand citizens there. No one expects America to send forces but it is surprising that it has not made some murmuring noise of approval at the British decision.

Perhaps America was taken by surprise, too. There have been widespread appeals in Britain for positive action in the Middle East and this may be a dilatory government's reply. But until there is a more detailed explanation of why Britain has acted in this way it is difficult to feel any more than rather puzzled at today's news.

Colonial Office Statement On Kashmir Princess Sabotage FORMOSA REFUSES TO EXTRADITE H.K. SUSPECT Man Who Escaped As Plane Stowaway POLICE INVESTIGATIONS REVEALED

THE NATIONALIST AUTHORITIES IN FORMOSA REFUSED TO HAND OVER A CHINESE SUSPECTED OF SABOTAGING THE AIR INDIA PLANE KASHMIR PRINCESS LAST YEAR BECAUSE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST, THEY SAID, WAS NOT BASED ON LEGAL GROUNDS.

This is revealed in a Colonial Office statement on the incident released by the Government Public Relations Office this morning.

The Kashmir Princess exploded and was forced into the sea with loss of life while on a flight from Hongkong to Djakarta on April 11 last year.

The Colonial Office report states that HM Government could not, in the absence of an extradition treaty, base their request on legal grounds, but they pointed out to the Nationalist Authorities, that it was in their own interests that the outrageous crime should be cleared up.

The report also discloses that the man suspected of sabotaging the plane by placing a time bomb aboard while it was at Kai Tak and being prepared for the flight to Djakarta, later stowed away on a Civil Air Transport aircraft for Taipei.

Terrorising Storm

Upholstery Jan 10
The worst of the storm for 100 years ravaged Hurrishan, Orange Free State, for 24 hours killing 45 cattle, sheep and horses, cutting off the electricity supply and clearing the streets of any sign of life.

A resident said that a single flash struck mortar from the corner of a block of flats, and then killed a cow across the road.

The lightning killed eight sheep, 12 head of cattle and 25 horses. China Mail Special.

REQUEST FOR NOVEL PLANE

New York, Jan. 10.
The United States Navy has asked for plans to be drawn up for a vertical take off plane, the Navy research department announced today.

The plane, barrel-shaped, will be propelled either by piston engines, a gas turbine operating propeller shaped ventilator or ordinary reactors. It has been nicknamed "The Ring Wing."

Dr Manfred Rauscher of Zurich, has been engaged to supervise the project by Kaman Aircraft, with whom the US Navy have arranged a contract. —France-Press.

Two Rescued From Sinking Schooner

Norfolk, Va. Jan. 10.
Two persons were rescued from the sinking 64-foot schooner Manitou off Cape Hatteras today and the ship was abandoned, the Coast Guard said here.

A Coast Guard spokesman said the rescue was performed by the 435-foot s.s. Kathryn, owned by the A.H. Steamship Company of New York.

The spokesman said the passengers on the ship had not been identified but that Lloyd's Register of American Yachts of 1954 listed the owner as Leighton H. Coleman of Stony Brook, New York.

The rescue took place near Diamond Shoals lightship, about 70 miles east of Cape Hatteras.

The text of the Colonial Office statement reads: Consequent upon the loss of the Air India aircraft Kashmir Princess on April 11, 1955 on a flight between Hongkong and Djakarta, and upon allegations that the crash had been the direct result of an act of sabotage, intensive enquiries were instituted by the Hongkong Government.

These included the interrogation and enquiry into the antecedents of 71 persons connected in one way or another with the servicing of the aircraft during its stay of just over one hour in Hongkong.

By mid-May the investigation, carried out by the Indonesian Committee of Enquiry, including examination of wreckage of the aircraft, had led to a strong suspicion that the crash was due to an explosion caused by the detonation of an explosive device lodged inside the starboard wing at the rear outboard corner of the wheelbay. This was confirmed in the Indonesian Government's statement issued on May 27.

STOWED AWAY

Among the 27 persons whose duties took them in the vicinity of the starboard wing of the aircraft and whose activities were consequently under enquiry was Chow Tse-ming, alias Chou Chu, an employee of the Hongkong Aircraft Engineering Corporation. Direct suspicion did not fall on him until May 18. Enquiries at his address on that day failed to find him and information was subsequently obtained that some hours before these enquiries were made he had stowed away on a Civil Air Transport aircraft and had arrived in Taipei, Formosa, on the same day.

The spokesman said the Kathryn, originally scheduled to arrive here from San Juan, Puerto Rico, last Monday morning, had been delayed by the Atlantic storm. The 10,000-ton freighter is now due to arrive at about 8 p.m. tomorrow, the spokesman said. —United Press.

In the course of the subsequent Police investigation of persons who had been associated with Chow Tse-ming before his departure for Formosa, evidence came to light to suggest that he had been procured by persons connected with a Kuomintang intelligence organisation and had been offered a reward. There was also evidence that on four separate occasions subsequent to the crash he had admitted his complicity. The accounts of what he is alleged to have said on each occasion varied slightly in detail, but in general they strongly corroborated each other and contained statements that he admitted that:

- (a) he had sabotaged the aircraft,
- (b) he had been promised a reward of HK\$500,000,
- (c) he had used a small time-bomb which made a slight ticking noise,
- (d) he intended to stow away to Formosa. In addition there was evidence that shortly before the crash and subsequently until he went to Formosa, Chow Tse-ming spent some hundreds of dollars, a sum well beyond his normal means.

Accordingly on September 3 the Hongkong Police obtained a warrant for this man's arrest on a charge of conspiracy to murder.

REQUEST REFUSED

As soon as the warrant was issued the Nationalist Authorities in Formosa were requested to return the man for trial. After repeated reminders they informed Her Majesty's Consul at Tamsui on December 14 that the competent authorities were unable to deal with the matter since the request was not based on legal grounds.

In asking the Nationalist Authorities to hand over Chow Tse-ming for trial, Her Majesty's Government could not, in the absence of an extradition treaty, base their request on legal grounds. They pointed out to the Nationalist Authorities, however, that it was in their own interests that this outrageous crime should be cleared up.

They assured the Nationalist Authorities that Chow Tse-ming would be certain of being justly tried in strict accordance with the laws of Hongkong and that he would be given every opportunity of presenting his defence.

Despite intensive and continuing investigation, it has not yet proved possible to bring charges against any other persons who may have participated in the crime.

PEKING COMPLAINS

US Planes Fly Over Chinese Territory

London, Jan. 11.
Two United States military planes "openly intruded" over Northeast China on January 9, Peking radio announced early this morning.

The broadcast said: "At 1033 hours two US military planes intruded over Chinese territorial air from a point 20 kilometres west of Lingkiang on the north bank of the Yalu River and afterwards headed northward over Tunglwa, Tsingyuan and Shenyang." It said the Chinese Air Force took off immediately in pursuit, the two American military planes fled.

A spokesman of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement that the incident "was a grave act of military provocation committed by the United States in encroaching upon the territorial integrity and sovereignty of China."

NOT ACCIDENTAL
"The Chinese Government strongly protests against this and demands that the government of the United States take measures to ensure that no similar incident will recur."

The statement, according to the Communist New China News Agency, continued: "The Chinese Government considers it necessary to point out that the incident of the US military aircraft intruding into the territorial air of China's border is by no means accidental at a time when the US Government is practising a policy of encroaching tactics at the amman talk between China and the US at Geneva and on the other hand, sends large numbers of high-ranking officials and officers to the Taiwan area of our country to step up military activities."

INDIGNATION

"This incident further shows that the US is spurning the offer in its attempt to continue to create tension in the Far East. This act of the US Government has aroused the great indignation of the Chinese people. Peace-loving countries and people of the world cannot but maintain a high degree of vigilance against the provocative activities of the US." —Reuter.

HALF STARVED AND FROZEN

Man's Ordeal In Freight Car

New York, Jan. 10.
A half-starved man, freed from self-imprisonment in a freight car in below-freezing temperature, was reported in "fair" condition at the Logansport, Indiana, Memorial Hospital today.

The authorities said Rudolph Krause, 27, of Oak Lawn, Illinois, a transient worker, boarded the car, which was laden with tinned tuna fish, in sunny Kingman, Arizona. The door was slammed and locked when the train started, trapping Krause inside.

He was found semi-conscious by a railway inspector on Monday during a routine check of the car in the Pennsylvania railway yards here. The freight car was headed from California for New York.

DOCTORS' REPORT

Doctors said Krause was suffering from malnutrition, frozen legs and exposure. They said his legs and general condition showed improvement today. A police search of the freight car showed that in his desperation Krause ripped open boxes and had managed to get at the contents of four tins of tuna by smashing them on metal bolts in the car.

Krause told the authorities he was travelling East in search of work. He said he had been a railway worker in a previous job.

When found, he was wearing a shirt, trousers and a light jacket. —United Press.

Time Describes Hongkong

FAT CANARY ON THE SHOULDER OF A HUNGRY TOM CAT

New York, Jan. 10.

The weekly magazine Time today likened Hongkong to "a fat canary on the shoulder of a hungry tom cat" which was frightened to eat it. It gave this description to the Colony in an article illustrated by several pages of coloured photographs.

The article said Hongkong was a "packed and pulsating place with a rich but brief past in a singularly unpredictable life expectancy. It is the last true colony of size and importance in all Asia." It added, "and it perches in incongruous complacency on the coast of Communist China like a fat canary on the shoulder of a hungry tom cat."

Despite the overwhelming Chinese population of Hongkong, the article said "the eye is reminded, by the flap of the Union Jack and the crisp gesture of a traffic cop, that here, as nowhere else in Asia, British 'law and order' prevails." In another part, the article stated: "Hongkong is a little ground of Communists and anti-Communists who manoeuvre and plot and occasionally murder each other under the eye of a government that is alert to all but pretends to pretend that none of it goes on."

JET ACE KILLED

Elgin, Austria, Jan. 10.
Major L. Moore, 36, a leading jet ace of the Korean war, was killed today when his jet fighter crashed and exploded just after taking off here in the centre of the main flying field at Elgin Air Force Base. Major Moore was credited with destroying 10 enemy MIG-15s in Korea. —China Mail Special.

Troops Open Fire

Tel-Aviv, Jan. 10.
Egyptian troops opened heavy automatic fire against an Israeli police car in the Gaza strip today, an Israeli army spokesman said. No casualties were reported. —France-Press.

Dissolution Of Greek Parliament

Athens, Jan. 10.
King Paul tonight signed a decree dissolving the Greek parliament, 10 months before the expiry of its normal four-year term.

The King announced the signing in an interview with Mr George Papandreu, the Liberal leader, who said afterwards: "The King told me elections will be held on February 19."

The election will be held under a new electoral law passed by parliament on December 14, 1955.

This has been styled a "cock-tail" electoral system because it combined the proportional, the majority and the reinforced majority systems.

A government spokesman has explained that the new formula is aimed at creating a two-party parliamentary system in Greece with both a strongly supported government party and a united opposition.

"POLARISATION"

Opposition quarters consider it will lead to a polarisation of power between conservatives and leftwing parties.

At the last general election in 1952 the late Field Marshal Alexander Papandreu and his "Greek Rally" Party won 240 seats out of 300.

The state of the parties at the end of last year was: Greek Rally, led by Constantine Karamanlis 200; Progressive Party of Mr Spyros Merizianis 30 (disident only deputies); Liberal Democratic Union led by Mr Sophocles Venizelos 25; Liberal Party of Mr Papandreu 19; small parties including Independents 24; and two seats were vacant.

The Greek Communist Party has been outlawed since 1947. —Reuter.



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Japs' Attitude To Collective Security In Asian Region

Karachi, Jan. 10. SPECIAL Japanese representative Takeo Miki today discussed Japan's policies toward "collective security" in the Asian region with Pakistani Foreign Minister Hamidul Choudhury.

Informed sources said that Mr. Miki, here on a goodwill visit as a special envoy of Japanese Premier Ichiro Hatoyama, discussed Japan's foreign policy relations with other Asian states during his 30-minute visit.

Full Agreement

The sources said Mr. Miki expected Japan's full agreement with the United States during the discussion and that Mr. Choudhury had said Japan is in full agreement with the principle of collective security under existing world conditions.

Pakistan, through its membership in both the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization and the Baghdad Pact, took part in the Middle East in collective security agreement. Pakistan is now military aid from the United States under an agreement signed 10 months ago.

Mr. Miki is expected to extend an informal invitation to Premier Choudhury, Mohammad Ali to visit Japan when the envoy meets the Premier later today, according to Japanese sources.

Mr. Miki is calling on the Premier to personally deliver a goodwill letter from Mr. Hatoyama.

Extend Tour

These sources said no formal invitation would be extended but it would not be surprising if Mr. Miki took the opportunity of the meeting to suggest that Mr. Ali extend his visit to China this spring to include Japan.

Mr. Ali already has accepted a formal invitation to visit China and the trip is scheduled tentatively for sometime during April. Mr. Miki made a brief courtesy call on the Governor-General, Mr. Iskander Mirza, this morning, and tomorrow Mr. Mirza will be host at a dinner honoring Mr. Miki's visit to Pakistan—United Press.

Leaders DIFFICULT TASK OF FORMING GOVERNMENT

By Harold King

Paris, Jan. 10.

M. Rene Coty, President of the Republic, today started unofficial consultations about the difficult problem of forming the next government.

Officially he cannot act till after the newly elected Assembly has elected its President some time between January 19 and 22.

M. Coty saw the outgoing Premier, M. Edgar Faure, and also the leader of the Social Republicans, M. Chaban Delmas. The latter now heads a much reduced army of ex-Gaullist followers, not exceeding 24 Deputies instead of the pre-election 67. Only seven were reported to support the new dealer, M. Mendes-France.

M. Faure insisted that a broad front policy must be agreed for Algeria, where armed rebellion has been raging for 14 months and where some 200,000 French troops have not yet been able to quell it.

In plain language, M. Faure was rejecting his suggestion for the formation of a government of national union, bringing in both sides that fought each other bitterly in the election campaign.

No Other Way

The Premier saw no other way of establishing a strong majority and a strong policy for France, except the new 600-man Assembly has 150 Communist members and a compact group of 52 anti-Communist members in the followers of M. Pierre Poujade, the champion of the anti-tax League.

The new deal block led by the Socialists, M. Guy Mollet and the centrist M. Pierre Mendès-France, were all adamant that they would not vote for a government of national union, and must take over the government. For the time being, M. Mollet, himself, is the most favoured candidate for the Premier's office.

There is a growing revolt among the Government parties against allowing the Socialist-Radical minority to take over the Government, but so far it has found no open expression. Confusion reigned at its height. Efforts to consolidate the right-wing parties which

fought the election together failed today. The one-time disunited Gaullists, now cutting themselves the Republican Social Action Group, refused to fuse with the principal conservative party, the National Centre of the Independents.

Auriol's Call

M. Faure's efforts to form a radical group in opposition to the official Radical Party led by M. Mendes-France also made no progress.

Former French President Vincent Auriol today called for a bipartisan policy among centre parties of the new National Assembly to counter-balance the increased Assembly strength of the Communists and extreme right-wing parties.

M. Auriol, in an article published in the Paris evening newspaper *France-Sol*, also indicated that if a government, formed from the entire coalition, fails, new general elections should be held under a new election law.

The former president, a Socialist, said that union was necessary to "oppose, a unified and a long France to those who, all over the world, are already quarrelling over its corpse."

M. Auriol said the union of the centre parties would have to include the "two centres"—a reference to the "Republican Front" coalition of former Premier Pierre Mendès-France—and the former majority parties which backed outgoing Premier Edgar Faure.

Energetically

The former President said: "It is necessary to have a majority and a government, if the country is not to be abandoned first to anarchy and then to dictatorship." But he said it was necessary to have a government "capable of acting energetically, of living dangerously and of preparing, if it falls, new elections under a new electoral law."

M. Auriol said that "the imperiousness of the number of Assembly seats dominates personal and partisan preferences."—*France-Press*.

German Deputy Arrested

Berlin, Jan. 10. East German Customs officers arrested Willy Bartsch, a member of the West Berlin Chamber of Deputies, at the Soviet sector boundary last Saturday afternoon. West Berlin officials announced tonight.

Herr Bartsch was handed over to the East Berlin police and released during Saturday night. Several copies of the West Berlin Social-Democratic Party, were confiscated from Herr Bartsch.—*France-Press*.

CHU TEH VISITS FACTORY

Berlin, Jan. 10. Marshal Chu Teh, Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese People's Army, today visited East Germany's biggest chemical factory, the Buna works.

Marshal Chu Teh is the head of a Chinese Communist delegation which has been participating in ceremonies for the 80th birthday of East German President Wilhelm Pieck.—*France-Press*.



British troops in Cyprus are currently making a vast sweep of the mountains in search of terrorists and arms. Picture shows a woman of Pliamoudhi village and her donkey being searched for concealed weapons.—*Express Photo*.

HUMAN RIGHTS INFORMATION

Hammaraskjold Accused Of Changing Position

New York, Jan. 10.

The United States today criticized an offer by Mr Dag Hammarskjold, United Nations Secretary-General, to help transmit a request for information on human rights to the Chinese Government which the world organisation does not recognise.

Dr Bluecher Visiting India



Dr Bluecher

New Delhi, Jan. 10. The West German Vice-Chancellor, Dr Franz Bluecher, arrived here today for an 11-day official visit to India.

Dr Bluecher who was welcomed at the airport by India's Defence Minister, Dr Kailas Nath Katju, is to have two meetings with the Prime Minister, Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, before leaving on a tour of the country.

Major Cause

His talks with the Prime Minister are expected to range over the international situation, including the problem of German reunification. Mr Nehru believes the present division of Germany is a major cause of world tension.

They are also expected to include political and economic matters such as trade between West Germany and India and the prospects of West German participation in India's second five-year plan which starts in April.

Dr Bluecher is accompanied by seven political and economic experts.—*Reuter*.

INCORRECT PREDICTION

Colombo, Jan. 10. A woman plantation worker in Central Ceylon thought the "Giant" (God) had spirited away her baby when she found the child had vanished from the cradle and a skinned cat was in its place.

She said a fortune teller had predicted that the child would bring misfortune.

An official reported the disappearance to the police who found the baby at a neighbour's house.—*China Mail Special*.

Judge Philip Halpern, American representative on the sub-commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, said that by making the suggestion Mr Hammarskjold was "radically changing the position which he has solemnly taken on numerous occasions and which he had repeated to us on Friday through his representatives."

Mr Hammarskjold told the sub-commission yesterday he had been able to make a request by the sub-committee's special rapporteur, Mr Charles Ammon, to send a questionnaire on human rights to Peking, but he would not object to any such inquiry by Mr Ammon and would help him forward it if he wished.

Highly Charged

Judge Halpern said Mr Hammarskjold was asking the sub-committee's special rapporteur Mr Charles Ammon to "step into this highly charged political controversy."

The American representative asked Mr Hammarskjold not to transmit any communication until the political bodies of the United Nations have had time to discuss the matter. Mr Arcot Krishnaswami of India said that if China, which represented a quarter of the world's population, was excluded from the study, it would be incomplete.—*Reuter*.

Thief Cornered Through \$5 Note

Ottawa, Jan. 10. A thief who blew open the safe of a store in Percival, Saskatchewan, was traced because the five-dollar note which he gave to the conductor of a Winnipeg-bound bus had one corner missing.

Police found the missing corner by searching minutely every scrap of waste paper from the store.

The case is recorded in the annual report of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.—*China Mail Special*.

Schoolboy Knits Teachers' Socks

Port Elizabeth, Jan. 10. Teachers at a Port Elizabeth primary school wear socks knitted by one of the schoolboys—Frederick van Onselen, aged 11.

Frederick, who started knitting when he was four, makes two shillings and sixpence profit on every pair of socks.

His father has already paid for a knitting machine (which cost £45) and is now saving up to train as a dress designer.—*China Mail Special*.

Atomic Retaliation May Not Be Answer To Local Aggression

Miami, Jan. 10.

General Maxwell D. Taylor, United States Army Chief of Staff, said here today that atomic retaliatory power might not be the answer to local acts of aggression.

Speaking to an audience in the Surf Club, he said the toughest question in defence planning was the uncertainty as to what form a future war might take.

"In the Pentagon (United States defence headquarters) there are those who focus all their concern on the big nuclear war. There are others who believe that war may assume many forms."

He thought the concept of a brief nuclear war was only one of the forms, and not necessarily the most likely, which war might take.

Not Sure

"It seems increasingly improbable that an aggressor would intentionally embark on the gamble on atomic world war," he said.

"I am by no means sure that some nations some time may not attempt local acts of aggression to which our atomic retaliatory power may not be the answer."

Military planning must adjust itself to the increasing reluctance of peace loving people to embark on general atomic war and pay greater attention "to the constant danger of erosive efforts against militarily weak members of the free nation community."

New Missile

General Taylor disclosed that the United States was seeking to develop "medium range, solid-fuel" missile, the "Redstone."

He refused to give any details of the range of the Redstone, but informed sources here believe the missile will have a range of about 1,500 miles.

General Taylor said the test area for the missile would be established outside the United States.

The present American missile testing area, which extends from the centre of Florida to the North of Porto Rico, will be further extended southeast of the Barbados and Saint Lucia Islands under an agreement between the State Department and the British Foreign Office, informed sources said.

General Taylor said the US Army also intended to "extend the fire power of guided missiles horizontally and vertically."

Increase Mobility

The Chief of Staff said the prime objective of the American Army was "to give greater effectiveness on the atomic battlefield" to American troops.

General Taylor said he wanted to increase the "strategic mobility" of American ground forces. This would permit American troops to be shifted to any point in the world to parry an attack, he said.

General Taylor said he believed the Soviet Union and other Communist countries could put 375 divisions in the front lines one month after the outbreak of a war. According to General Taylor, the Soviet Union now has 175 divisions and China 150 divisions.—*Reuter and France-Press*.

Miner Wins Football Sweep

Madrid, Jan. 10. Senor Caesar Suarez, a sick miner who has never been a league football match, won 2,000,000 pesetas (£20,000) in a state football sweep because he was the only one of two million entrants to forecast 14 results correctly.

The prize has transformed the life of the Suarez family of four, who live in the Asturias village of Carballin. Senor Suarez suffers from silicosis and has been unable to work for five years.—*China Mail Special*.

NEW AIRPORT RADAR

New York, Jan. 10. The New York International Airport, the world's biggest, has installed a new radar landing control device which will double the range of its present system. It was disclosed today.

The new system will enable the control tower to pick up incoming planes 100 miles from the field, thus widening the area in which incoming traffic can be handled.—*France-Press*.



General Taylor

More British Aid For Indonesia

London, Jan. 10. BRITAIN will "in due course" increase its economic and technical help to Indonesia, informed sources said tonight.

The nature and extent of the increased assistance is yet undefined. But Indonesia will get "more attention" under the Colombo Plan. Britain has assured its full backing, it was learned here.

Number Of Topics

In today's morning meeting, the Foreign Secretary, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, and the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Lord Hailsham, and Dr Ida Anak Agung discussed "a number of topics of mutual interest, including cultural and educational relations."

Students from Indonesia will be given higher technical training in England and arrangements will be made to "teach English" to the Indonesian scholars by exchange of scholars and teachers. Dr Informed sources said Dr Agong in his talks with the British Foreign Office experts gave an account of the stage reached in Indonesian talks with the Netherlands in Geneva. They were also reported to have discussed the present political situation in Indonesia.

Dr Agong defined to the Foreign Office experts the "scope of technical assistance to the Far East, particularly to Indonesia," and early necessity "to speed up" the aid as soon as possible.

Sympathised

The foreign experts are reported to have sympathised and agreed with the views expressed by the Indonesian Foreign Minister. Dr Agong will re-emphasise the points to the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, whom he meets on Friday.

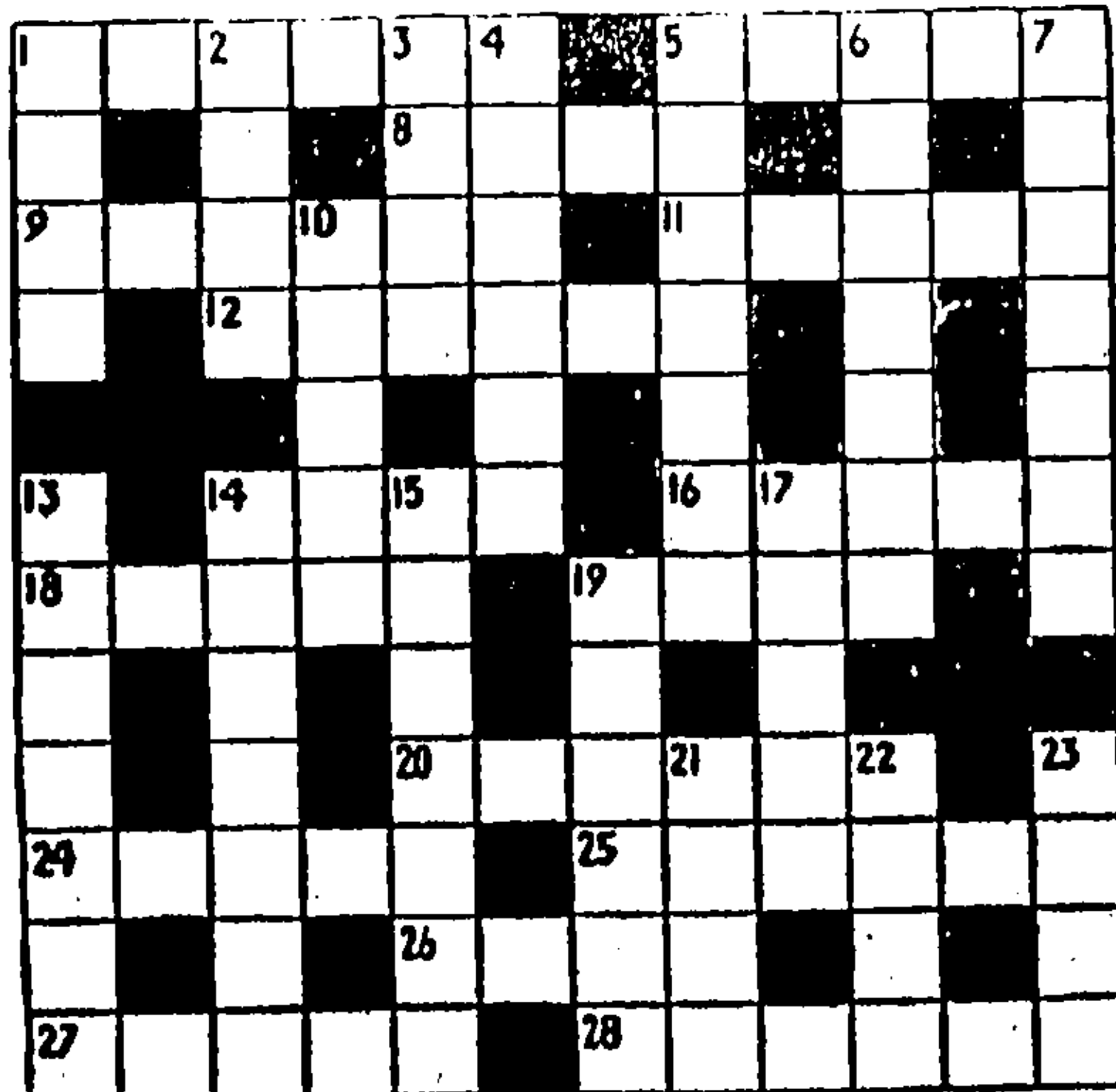
Tonight Dr Agong met the Australian High Commissioner, Mr Lloyd also was present. Dr Agong was reported to have informally discussed with the Australian High Commissioner the question of West New Guinea.—*United Press*.

Search Abandoned For Plane

London, Jan. 10. Planes and ships abandoned their search for a plane reported to have gone down in flames into the sea today off the South coast of Ireland, and Shannon airfield reported that no planes were missing.

Air Ministry officials here believed the "flames" seen by a witness might simply have been light flashing from an Irish warship patrolling in the region.—*France-Press*.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Settle (8).
 - Peeled (5).
 - Half-open (4).
 - Word of honour (6).
 - Vacant (5).
 - Summary (9).
 - Meadows (6).
 - Attire (5).
 - Fascination (5).
 - Defunct (4).
 - Difficulty (6).
 - Lock (5).
 - Last (5).
 - Beards (4).
 - Hazards (6).
 - Shows off (colloq.) (8).
- DOWN**
- Drug (4).
 - Cavil (4).
 - Valley (4).
 - Thrown out (6).
 - Take the chair (7).
 - Answered (7).
 - Aridity (7).
 - Command (5).
 - Slew (7).
 - Servants (7).
 - Accumulates (7).
 - Swift (5).
 - Constraint (6).
 - Afraid (4).
 - Change direction (4).
 - Dregs (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Mecca, 4. Tragic, 5. Seldom, 10. Smile, 12. Dampen, 13. Concern, 17. Test, 19. Iterate, 20. Statute, 22. What, 23. Evening, 27. Render, 29. Answer, 30. Disk, 31. Steady, 32. Event, Down: 1. Music, 2. Colm, 3. Abode, 5. Basp, 6. Guinea, 7. Create, 9. Merited, 11. Metres, 12. Endured, 15. Oath, 16. Cutter, 18. Stun, 20. Swast, 21. Aerate, 24. Arise, 26. Irate, 28. Guest, 29. Need.

If you can bear it, here are MY PREDICTIONS FOR 1956

By NATHANIEL GUBBINS

If you are not feeling very well after your New Year parties you had better skip this.

But if you can take it, here are the predictions of Old Moore Gubbins, the discredited astrologer, for 1956.

JANUARY: The weather will be horrible, and so will the news. Snow on high ground, low ground, and down the back of your neck. Fridge will be frozen, and so will credit. We shall hear that although the country has never been so prosperous, everybody should cut spending. World tension increases.

FEBRUARY: The weather will be worse, and so will the news. As the Government will continue to say the country has never been so prosperous the workers will demand more money for a shorter week. Threat of a railway strike, but as people will be too nervous to travel on the railways, few will care. The rest will be in bed with influenza, and will care even less. World tension increases.

MARCH: The worst weather and the worst news yet. Games, hoods, tizzards. The Government will say the country has never been so prosperous, so the workers will demand a four-day week for double money.

APRIL: The month of budget and bird song. Government will say the country has never been so prosperous, so they probably won't reduce taxes. Workers will demand a three-day week for treble money. Panic on Stock Exchange. Bird song drowned by explosions of more powerful bombs in interests of peace and security.

MAY: Who cares about world tension when cricket begins? But happy season is marred by formation of the Russian cricket team. Government will say the country has never been so prosperous, so workers will demand a two-day week at four times the money. Exports halved.

JUNE: Government in a quandary about Russian cricket team. If there are incidents in match with English team there will be more world tension. If Government intervenes to prevent match there will be war.

JULY: Russian cricket team plays an English team. English fast bowler knocks Russian batsman unconscious. Home Guard re-formed.

AUGUST: To save the world a little cricket team is allowed to beat an all-British team. Russians announce themselves world cricket champions, and claim to have invented cricket.

SEPTEMBER: Russians cricket match. Say Ivan the Terrible so called because he was first demon bawler.

OCTOBER: Government says country never so prosperous. Workers demand one-day week and minimum wage of £1,000 a year.

NOVEMBER: Cockery columnists already writing hungrily about turkeys. Russian cricket team sails for Australia. December: Workers want month off for Christmas. Exports down 90 percent. Australian cricketers refuse to allow Russians to win. Knock them all unconscious. World tension grows. War is imminent. To all a happy Christmas 1956... if there is one.

Backward glance

My 1955, by Lottio, the Devil Cat

MY BEST MEAL: The best meals are always stolen meals. I shall never forget the day I was left alone in the house with the larger door open.

I began with raw fillet of sole, crunchy and delicious and testing of the sea. After that the remains of a cold chicken, including the parson's nose. So terribly "exciting" and "rewarding," as the BBC critics say. After that my nose in a jug of cream and a long sleep.

MY BEST BOY FRIENDS: Most girls have only one true love. The others are substitutes for the original.

MY TRUE LOVE WAS MANHATTAN MOUSER. He was

rough and tough but essentially "he," and had that American way of making a girl acutely conscious of her charms.

But as I knew I could never hold a cat like that for long I made sure of my reserves.

One for 1955 was Ernie Boy, handsome, dark, thoughtful, and diffident. Not my type at all really, as I prefer them forthright, reliable, full of life and the enjoyment of it, without too much brains but their paws always ready in your defence.

The other was the elderly Mr Puddler Wooders, a silly cat with a silly name. He was always saying age doesn't matter, and remembering the good old days before I was born. An ace bore, but my last line of defence when hopes of true romance are over. Anything but "exciting" and "rewarding," to quote the critics again.

MY BEST PARTY: This happened when "they" were on their holidays. Ten cats in all. We ran all over the place, tearing the furniture to bits. Afterwards we played "sardines," cuddling up on the sofa. That is, all but silly Mr Puddler Wooders, who snickered because I took too much notice of Ernie Boy.

MY OPERATION: Just before Christmas I cut my paw on a broken milk bottle and went into hospital. A general anaesthetic was given and the operation performed by charming Mr Dyke, who lives near us.

Although the stitches are out and my paw has healed I had a wonderfully "exciting" and "rewarding" Christmas playing on sympathy. I had only to limp or hold up the paw and the turkey was practically mine.

A pity I held up the wrong paw on Boxing Day, but as the turkey was almost finished by then I didn't miss much.

The good Eartha

EARTHA KITT, the singer known in America as "The Man Trap," told a reporter: "When I sing songs like 'I Wanna Be Evil' folks get the impression I'm a wicked person. But I'm really very simple at heart. I design all my own

clothes. I like to do simple things."

There have been man traps before Eartha, but they must have had better press agents.

These man traps of the past were so simple they did all their own cooking while they employed two or three chefs swept all the floors in a house as big as Olympia when they had half a dozen housemaids, went home at Christmas to help mamma with the washing up when they could have paid for a hired help, and even darned their old father's socks instead of buying him a new pair.

One, I remember, had an aged aunt who lived in a little old cottage somewhere in the country. I think it had honey-suckle round the door but no groceries in the cupboard.

On the aunt's birthday this man trap straightened all that out. According to her press agent, she drove down to the cottage in a powerful car full of groceries and everything an aunt could want.

She had forgotten nothing except that her aunt had been dead a couple of years.

Yes, sir, they were as simple as that. (World copyright)

GREMLINS IN THEIR PHONES

TO a good many foreign visitors, the working of the French telephone system is among the higher mysteries of the universe.

It's a legend which has grown out of countless skirmishes with incomprehensible operators and baffling callers.

Yet, in fact, the French Post Office has slowly been eliminating factors which produce these have hitherto ascribed to supernatural intervention. And last week it banished the last telephone mystery by a new machine invented by Jean Girard, a retired inspector.

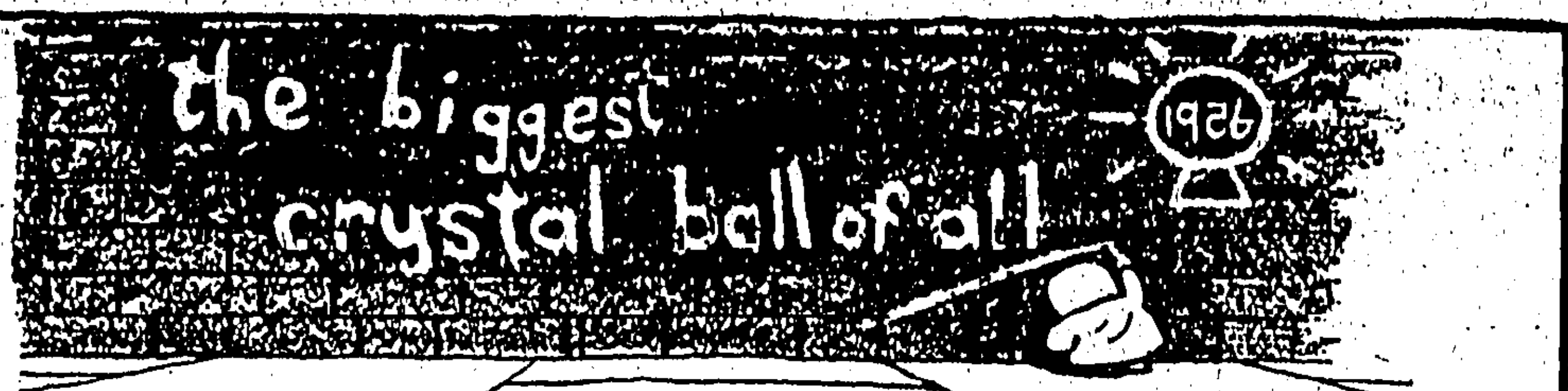
It is a 10-inch by 18-inch box which can be fixed to a line when a subscriber complains that there are "gremlins" in his telephone. It was adopted after tests in a recent case.

A man complained that every time he answered his phone at home, a voice said "Allo? Is that the Gare de l'Est?"

The Post Office officials installed M. Girard's machine. First they found that the voice always called from the same address. Then they discovered that when the man who had complained answered, the voice said "Allo? Is that the Gare de l'Est? When his wife answered, however, the voice said "Bonjour, cherie, how are you, my little cabbage?"

The Post Office discreetly advised the caller to use another code—and told the husband that his phone was now in order!

Stephen Coulter



Well once again as the youngest one of the giles family I have been asked to do his job for him chiefly because I can do it better than he can and partly because he don't look very of this morning after 6 weeks of Xmas followed up by hogmanay. Our house is never what you'd call a quiet country residence in the mornings and last Saturday when he came down to breakfast when we were having our lunch it was like a mill bomb going off in a mills pond and we all got 3 thick ears each instead of the usual 2.

This was because some had put in the paper that Mr Giles was going to draw the biggest cartoon in the hole world but hadn't let him no.

Mr Giles says that poepl who predict that he is going to predict the biggest prediction ever predicted without letting him no are very inconsiderate and he called his editor a lot of funny little words like the ones he says when he trips over my bycicle.

So as Mr Giles can't think of enough cartoon to cover a hapony stamp this week I said I'd take over the crystal balls from sefton delmer and fredrik ellis and hand them over to that eve perrik when it done with them.

The first thing I predict is that if Mr Giles don't hurry up and finish his Xmas wiskey he'll be out of work and I'll be taking over for good.

The next thing I predict is Vera will have colds reglar as clockwork every month.

I also predict that I'll have measles this year as I havent had them very often and I think measles make you look pretty.

Mr Giles made a resolution that he isn't going to drink any more and Mrs Giles said he couldn't. Grandma says shes' going to by Mr bulganin and Mr Krushchev a pint when they come over even if Mr eden dont.

Our policeman told Mr Giles if he don't keep our poodel under control the bottoms going to fall out of the poodel market owing to supply being greater than demand but I dont no what he's talking about.

I predict that if Ann Edwards and that eve perrik don't stop Muriting rude things about evryone evryone's going to stop taking the express then we'll all be out of work including me.

All Mr Giles pretty nurses sent him rude Xmas cards about poepl who holler out O before they're hurt.

Vera predicts the end of the world as often as she has colds. Mr Giles says if the littel boy with the hair who comes in to play with us doesn't get a hair cut this year hes' going to stik him on a broom handel and use him for a mop.

All the rest of the giles family dont predict anything and I'm not making any resolutions this year as I'm nearly two old in the teeth well I must close now as Mr Giles has just come home which means that I should been in bed about 7 hours ago. wishing you all a jolly new year.

Yours truly

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BY-ELECTIONS WILL TEST TREND OF TORY PARTY'S FORTUNES

By Vaughan Jones

WHILE the crystal gazers are busy making prophecies for 1956, the politicians in Whitehall are worrying more about the outcome of a batch of New Year by-elections.

The by-elections stem from the dispatch of four leading Tory MPs to the Lords following the government reshuffle; the earldom conferred on Mr Attlee; and the recent death of Mr William Whitley, Labour MP.

And there is a significant factor about them.

Scattered up and down the country, their results will be a pointer towards the next General Election.

They will test recent public opinion polls which indicate that Labour would now win a General Election following Mr Butler's unpopular Autumn budget.

The contested seats are not marginal; the voting may make

no difference to the present strengths of the parties in Parliament.

But the trend will show Sir Anthony Eden and his Tory government whether he can safely push ahead with plans to stabilise Britain's wage-price structure before the country slides into another phase of inflation; whether he can risk losing votes by telling the British workers to halt their call for more pay.

Most Prosperous

End-of-year figures showed that 1955 marked the most prosperous era in history for Britain and the rest of Western Europe. Around 300 million people ate more food, bought more clothes, enjoyed themselves more, built more houses, factories and offices than ever before.

America, whose fortunes directly influence Britain's prosperity, also had its most prosperous year. Shop prices there scarcely moved, yet production, earnings and spending all soared to record levels.

But now economists are warning that Britain's great boom can only continue if wages and prices can be stabilised and the fall in the pound's value stopped.

This will call for the rejection of at least part of the pay claims due for settlement over the next few weeks. For these would add another £500 million to the nation's wage bill, helping to price British goods out of world markets.

Sir Anthony Eden, however, still has an ace vote-winner up his sleeve.

It is conscription—or, rather, its abolition.

The annual White Paper on Defence, published in February, is likely to outline the provisions for abolishing conscription altogether over the next three years.

It is also expected to announce army pay rises which would attract a bigger flow of recruits. This would raise the strength of the Regular Army to at least the minimum needed for strategic and operational duties at home and overseas.

Such an end to the call-up would be hailed by Britons of all parties. Never so popular, National Service was accepted because of the need to provide sufficient men to meet Commonwealth obligations, as well as supply a garrison in Western Germany.

Increased pay to bring army earnings more in line with factory wages has been demanded for years.

Its introduction would be hailed throughout the country as a master-stroke by whichever government that did so.

Stumbling Block

The Treasury is believed to be the stumbling block to previous plans submitted by the Service chiefs. Now public opinion and the need to retain highly-trained, long service men to operate the army's latest weapons may cause the Treasury to become more generous.

Originally, the Service chiefs opposed the total abolition of conscription. But their latest opinion is that the present pay which signs the whole of the army's costs is a waste.

for 18 months only, is just wasteful.

The young man delays his full-time entry into industry; reluctantly accepts army life; is useful as a soldier for perhaps only six months—and then becomes a civilian again.

And the big farming vote?

According to the latest figures, nearly half the farmers in Britain now have an income of over £1,000 a year, more than they have ever had before.

So they should be satisfied with Tory rule.

They are, of course, subsidised by the taxpayer to the extent of an annual £250 million. This sum may be slightly reduced now because the destruction of rabbits by disease last year is estimated to have saved the farmers between £10 and £15 million.

Still, they should not be inclined to cavil at Conservatism which (so the townsmen say) continues to feather them.

So the New Year prospects for the Tories should be bright. But the provision is that Sir Anthony Eden does not make an enemy of the man in the cloth by who signs the whole of the army's costs is a waste.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

West Resists
Spade Lead

By OSWALD JACOBY

NORTH's bid of two no-trump in today's hand may seem very foolish at first glance, but it was actually a very fine choice. It was clear that North would double his vulnerable opponents if he really had a good hand and strength in their suits, so that the bid of two no-trump was bound to mean that he had a different kind of hand.

There was a need for a "fancy" bid of North held length in the suit named, for then he would be glad to bid it. Hence, very logically, North's bid meant that he had length and strength in both minor suits and that he wanted South to choose one of the minors.

As it happened, South was not interested in either minor and he passed. The normal contract of four hearts, which only careful defence could beat.

West ended the queen of diamonds and dummy trump with the ace. Declarer led to his hand with the ace of trumps, dressed the queen of clubs, discarded a

NORTH 7			
♠ 4			
♥ 5			
♦ A 7 8 13			
♣ A Q 7 13			
WEST (D) EAST			
♠ A K 10 5 12	♥ 7		
♥ Q J 4	♦ 10 6 2		
♦ Q	♣ K 10 5		
♣ K J 5	♠ 10 8 4 2		
SOUTH			
♠ Q J 8 6			
♥ A K 10 8 7 3			
♦ J 2			
♣ 6			
East-West vol			
West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	Pass	Double
2 ♠	Pass	Pass	3
Pass	4	Double	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
Opening lead: ♦ Q			

diamond in the ace of clubs, and ruffed a club. Then he cashed the king of trumps and let another trump in West's queen.

By this time West had only spades left, and the temptation to cash the top spades was very strong. West resisted the temptation because he knew that South held four spades. If West took the top spades, South would make the rest, thus fulfilling the contract. West knew about the spades, because South couldn't have any more clubs or diamonds, and it was easy to count the trumps.

After coming to this conclusion, West led a low spade. East put up the nine, and South won with the jack. Now South had to lose three spade tricks, and the game contract was defeated.

♥-CARD Sense-♦

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass
1 NT Pass
You, South, hold:
♠ A J 10 5 ♥ 3 2 ♦ A Q J 12 ♣ 8
What do you do?
A—Bid three diamonds. You want to make sure of getting to game, preferably in spades or no-trump.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding has been:
South West North East
1 Heart Pass 2 Hearts Pass
You, South, hold:
♠ 5 ♥ A K J 8 ♦ A J 7 5 ♣ 7
What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE farmer who stopped a train the other day by pulling the communication cord, and then got out and began to walk calmly across a field, evidently wanted to be dropped near his home.

I was once in a Basque train when some peasants fired their guns at frequent intervals from the outside platform between coaches. The guard said to me: "They always do this to stop the train. But we never stop, and they never get tired of doing it. So everybody has his fun."

Mr. Mitchell is elected for Mid-Ulster for the third time. The question will arise: How often must a candidate for Mid-Ulster be elected before becoming an M.P.? And if the only way to have one's election pronounced valid is to be beaten by an opponent whom the electorate has rejected, what becomes of the dear little rural democracy?

Interlude
WHEN I was Mayor of Glasgow
Profound: Why do you say such ridiculous things?

Myself: There is nothing ridiculous in being Mayor of Glasgow—at least, not very ridiculous; not if you make allowances. Besides, somebody in Glasgow is sure to look up the records and write to tell me that I am lying. Weed. I say that I did not use my own name when I became mayor. Also, people in Glasgow will say, "I see Glasgow is mentioned today in that column written by an ex-mayor." The news will get about, the circulation will be up, and all because I do not forget the town which gave me its confidence at a difficult moment in civil affairs.

Hat chases man

A gust of wind the other day blew a man's hat off and planted it on the head of another man. Mathematicians are probably working out the odds against this happening again. I remember seeing a man chasing his hat in Sheffield on a windy day. The hat went bowling merrily along and then suddenly the wind changed, and the hat came rushing back towards the owner. He was so terrified that he turned and ran with the hat in close pursuit. I was with the old Rochdale Observer at the time, and I remember the story. It was a great chance for a "scoop," but the News Editor wouldn't believe that I was true. I can still see the terror in that man's eyes as the hat, like some ferocious little animal, hunted its quarry.

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

BORN today, you are practical and have a true gift for leadership. However, your emotions are cuffed at a tight rein, and you are easily guided into impulsive action, which may not seem to make too much sense at the time. When you are against you will make snap judgments. Sometimes the decisions are sound and work out perfectly. At other times you regret them, but you are much too proud and self-sufficient to beg off. You have high ambitions and although your life may not be an easy one, it is likely that you will reach any goal you set. Whether or not you can maintain that through-out a long period of time depends upon your ability to keep on producing.

Your emotional sensitivity, imagination and creative ability will be of great assistance to you.

You have an ability to sway the public and you probably will do well in any profession in which you have direct contact with the people. They may not agree with you in every detail, but eventually they will have to respect your capabilities and go along with you. Be sure that you hold your ideals high at all times. Among those born on this date are: Eva Lee Gallienne, actress; producer, Alexander Hamilton and Dwight Morrow, statesmen; Chester Conklin, comedian; Ezra Cornell and Francis Brown, educators; Hayard Taylor and Thomas Hardy, authors; Oliver Wendell, financier; Bernard De Voto, historian.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20): This is not the best day to take up important matters with the boss. Wait for a better mood.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19): Take the lead in professional matters. You will find that other people are looking to you for important help.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20): Be cautious about business matters. Make sure that you take good care of all details.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20): Your emotions may not be too trustworthy when it comes to love and romance. No go slow.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21): All projects having to do with industry can bring excellent profits. Check your investments.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22): Stars say it is a good time for clearing a business deal which may have been pending for some time.

CANCER (June 23-July 23): Be careful in dealing with a loved one today for there may be emotional stress. Use self-control.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23): Your job or profession, if it has to do with the law or government work, should bring you rewarding results.

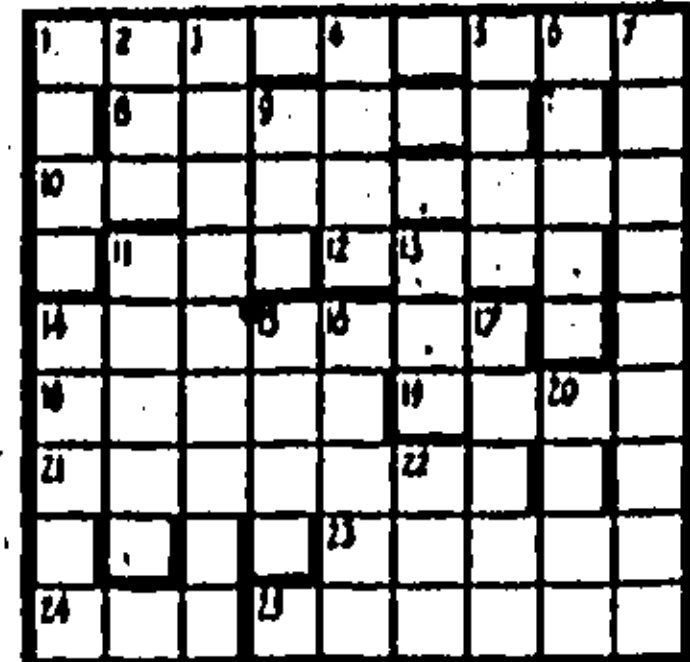
VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23): The more you study, the more you learn.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23): Matters connected with your home will now be of paramount importance. Just now solve perplexities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22): You may find that domestic matters call for your most careful attention. Take care.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22): Job opportunities are numerous today, if only you are smart enough to hear the "knocking."

CROSSWORD



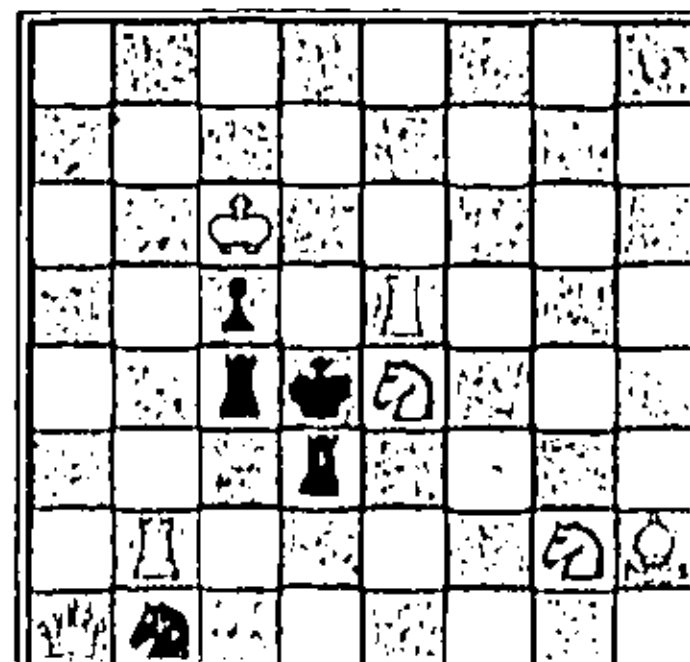
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2. Rabbit—or goat. (3)
10. O'Grady is a mixture. (9)
11. Devised. (3)
12. Entry at Betting Hill. (4)
13. They take precedence. (7)
14. It's almost too late to want to be in England for this. (3)
15. Many a man of the mountains looks well in this. (4)
21. Homer seems to be known best for doing this. (7)
23. He brings out the best in a piano. (5)
24. Sea waves are in the song. (3)
25. This counts more than anything in this country. (6)

Down
1. It's 1955. (4)
2. O the numbers are reversed. (3)
3. Hour of the stage. (9)
4. Medal for a fine victory. (7)
5. Tight. (4)
6. Entertain without stint. (6)
7. They put right into France. (9)
8. Partner in the Outlandish. (3)
11. The gate into the train's home. (6)
13. Scene of first queue. (3)
14. This is the end. (5)
15. She stood with a willow in her hand. (4)
16. To D. (5)
17. They often saw us for their interest. (6)
20. Place in real thrills. (4)
22. Unhappily was becoming one. (3)

Answers to yesterday's puzzle
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CHESS PROBLEM

By L. C. LACERDA and F. MENDES DE MORAES
Black, 5 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.
White to play mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. Q-P, any. 2. Q-R, B, or Kt mates.

WOMANSENSE



This tunic style black jersey from Lola Prussac has a unique neckline. The golden earrings and necklace are studded with red beads.—Agence France-Press.

Should You Fix "Specials" For A Finicky Eater?

By GARRY C. MYERS, Ph.D.

YOU may know a child of five, twelve or fifteen, who is very finicky about foods. He may refuse certain foods served to the family; he may demand special favourite dishes or even prepare them for himself. When he grows to be forty or sixty he may still be just as finicky about foods.

When you place a bit of strange food in the mouth of a baby, he may expect it or make grimaces while keeping it in his mouth. It may surprise him with its unaccustomed temperature, texture and taste.

If you are patient and offer him only a tiny morsel the second time, then try this food on him later, he may gradually become adapted to it and may even come to like it. But if you give up and don't continue to try him on new foods, he may soon grow resistant to nearly all unfamiliar foods. As he grows older, he may refuse

to taste an unfamiliar food at all.

One mother writes: "I have a 5-year-old boy who is not a problem eater when it comes to the few foods he likes. But, unfortunately, he never tries any new foods."

"This makes it quite difficult for me to have variety in the meals I prepare for the family. In order to avoid any comment on the part of my 5-year-old, I often save some food of a meal he likes and heat it for him, or prepare something special for him, while the rest of the family eats something else. I am concerned that, if I go on this way, my boy will not have a varied diet."

"For instance, he never eats potatoes or vegetables, except for raw foods; he eats only green beans and will not eat spaghetti or a casseroles dish."

My advice to this woman and others with a similar problem is this:

Don't prepare special foods for that child. Expect him to eat a small amount of at least one new food, which is served to the family at any meal, before he gets anything else to eat.

If he doesn't want anything else, let him go without food for that meal. Be sure he gets no food before the next regular meal, especially no sweets. But make it clear to him that he can have as little of this food as he likes, even if it is no bigger than a pea, just so long as it is visible. Always let him tell you how small the portion you shall serve him or let him serve himself.

We did this with our own children when they were young. When they discovered how little of any new food they were expected to eat, they were intrigued. Gradually, they learned to enjoy and even to beg for foods they once were sure they would never like.

What kind of woman are you?

Think of the women you admire for their charm and ability. They have discovered the secret of happiness. How does one capture the emotion—as elusive as love? I believe that a few lucky mortals are born with it. But others can cultivate it, too.



Tomorrow EILEEN ASCROFT begins these fascinating articles in which every woman will see herself... as she is... as she could be

From her personal knowledge of the world's most interesting and successful women, from her talks with doctors, marriage, social and fashion experts, Eileen Ascroft has created a series that will intrigue every woman who wants to find more in her life.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Junior Can't Swim

—But Knarf Shows Him How to Make the Best of Things—

By MAX TRELL

ALL the way up at the top of the hill, Knarf the shadow-boy, could hear Pixie O'Cop's voice saying over and over again:

"Now you just go home and forget it, my boy. Just go home."

Knarf couldn't see either Pixie O'Cop or who it was he was talking to. Pixie O'Cop's voice came from somewhere down at the bottom of the hill, probably as Knarf figured it out, near the brook.

Down Near The Brook

Knarf went down to the foot of the hill where the brook ran by under the shade of the big trees and the thickets. Pixie O'Cop's voice was now saying:

"But you can't swim! No one in your whole family can swim! It isn't right for you to swim!"

And finally, on a flat stone that jutted a way over the slow moving current of the brook, Knarf came on Pixie O'Cop.

Pixie O'Cop was dressed as usual, in a green uniform with a hollow acorn (worn upside down) for a hat. He was talking to a small, long-legged Junior Long Legs who was, of course, the son of Daddy Long Legs.

"He wants to swim! Just think of it," Pixie O'Cop said when he looked up and saw Knarf.

Lots Of Folks Do
"I don't know why not," said Junior Long Legs. "Lots of folks can swim, can't they?"

"Certainly lots of folks can swim," said Pixie O'Cop. "What's that got to do with it?"

"If frogs can swim," said Junior Long Legs, "and ducks can swim, why don't you say I can't swim?" As he said this, Junior Long Legs looked at Knarf.

"Well, I don't know," said Knarf.
"I've got more legs than they have," said Junior Long Legs.

"I ought to be able to swim better."

Finally, Pixie O'Cop said: "To my way of thinking, Junior, if you're so set on swimming why don't you just hop in the brook and swim!"

"Good idea," said Junior. Saying this, he jumped into the water of the brook. The next second he was shouting at the top of his voice:

"Help! I'm drowning!"

Pixie O'Cop took off his coat, kicked off his shoes, threw off his hat and dived in. He pulled Junior Long Legs back on shore.

"Fellers like you shouldn't try to swim," Pixie O'Cop said to Junior Long Legs. "Why can't you be satisfied just walking?"

But Knarf got an idea. He noticed a leaf floating by and that made him think of just what to do.

So he went and found another leaf and cut it into flat pieces, each about the size of a flat head. He put one piece under each of Junior Long Legs' feet and tied them with spider webs.

"They look like flat shoes!" exclaimed Junior.

"They're water shoes," said Knarf. He helped Junior step carefully into the water.

"Aisy Pug is full of joy," said Knarf. "This story that you and Gregory told us sounded queer, but it's worked out just as you said," he declared. "I didn't write to Santa Claus for my kite, but here it is. Look, he's sent me a beauty! I love it, you get on?"

"He hasn't sent me a beauty," said Knarf.

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"He wants to swim!"
Pixie O'Cop told Knarf.

To the astonishment of Junior and Pixie O'Cop, he floated. Yes, he stood on top of the water just as though it were a road.

All the way down to the end of the brook, Junior Long Legs floated standing up the whole while. It wasn't swimming, of course, but it was the next thing to it.

"You know," Pixie O'Cop said to Knarf, "I kind of like that idea myself. I think I'll go cut myself a pair of water shoes."

And sure enough he did. And sure enough he went floating down the brook, standing up, tipping his acorn hat to all the dragonflies and mosquitoes and frogs all along the way.

Rupert and the New Boat—18



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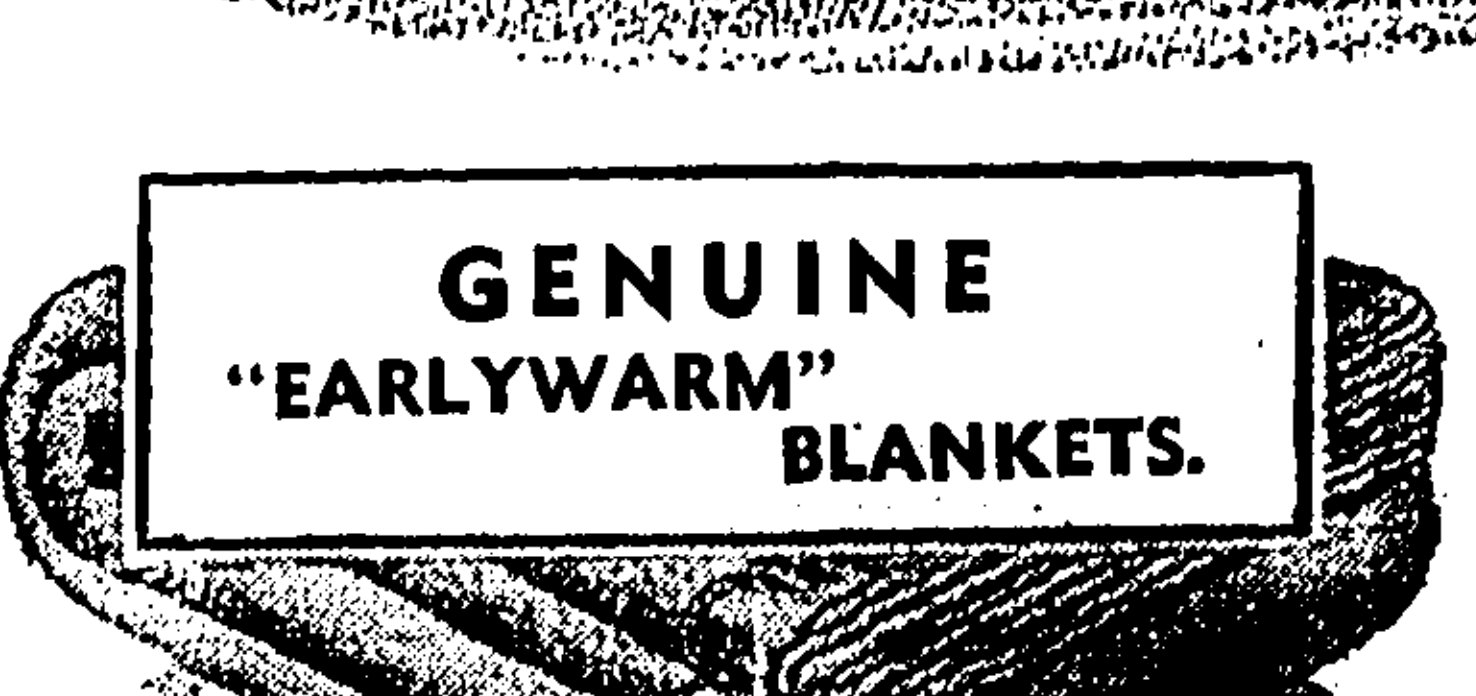
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This Funny World



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CYCLING NOTES

SUNDAY'S 52 MILE CYCLE RACE WAS A TEST OF ENDURANCE FOR ALL RIDERS

The 52 Mile Cycle Race for the Carlsberg Cup, on Sunday, was a test for all who participated, not because of the tough course that the riders had to cover, but because of the extreme cold and gale force wind they encountered during the event.

Worst affected were the South China boys. Though well wrapped up within the first three miles, two had to drop off because of the ice cold wind, leaving three of their boys in the bunch.

On the first climb up Route 1, Beck, Ellingham, Spray, Templeman and Bould climbed steadily away building up a lead of two minutes from the three remaining South China boys, who found the climb very hard. The five leading riders settled down, riding in a line, against the headwind, so strong that each rider could only move about a hundred yards before seeking refuge in the bunch again. By doing this they increased their lead to a further minute on South China's Ng Shu Yue, Lam Pook and Ng Kai Man.

These boys were chasing hard but could not make any impression on the supremacy of the leading riders. Still further back were the two remaining South China boys Lam Hong and Au Chung Sing, finding the going very hard but forcing their way along grimly.

At 10.15 the positions were still the same but for the retirement of Lam Hong and Au Chung Sing.

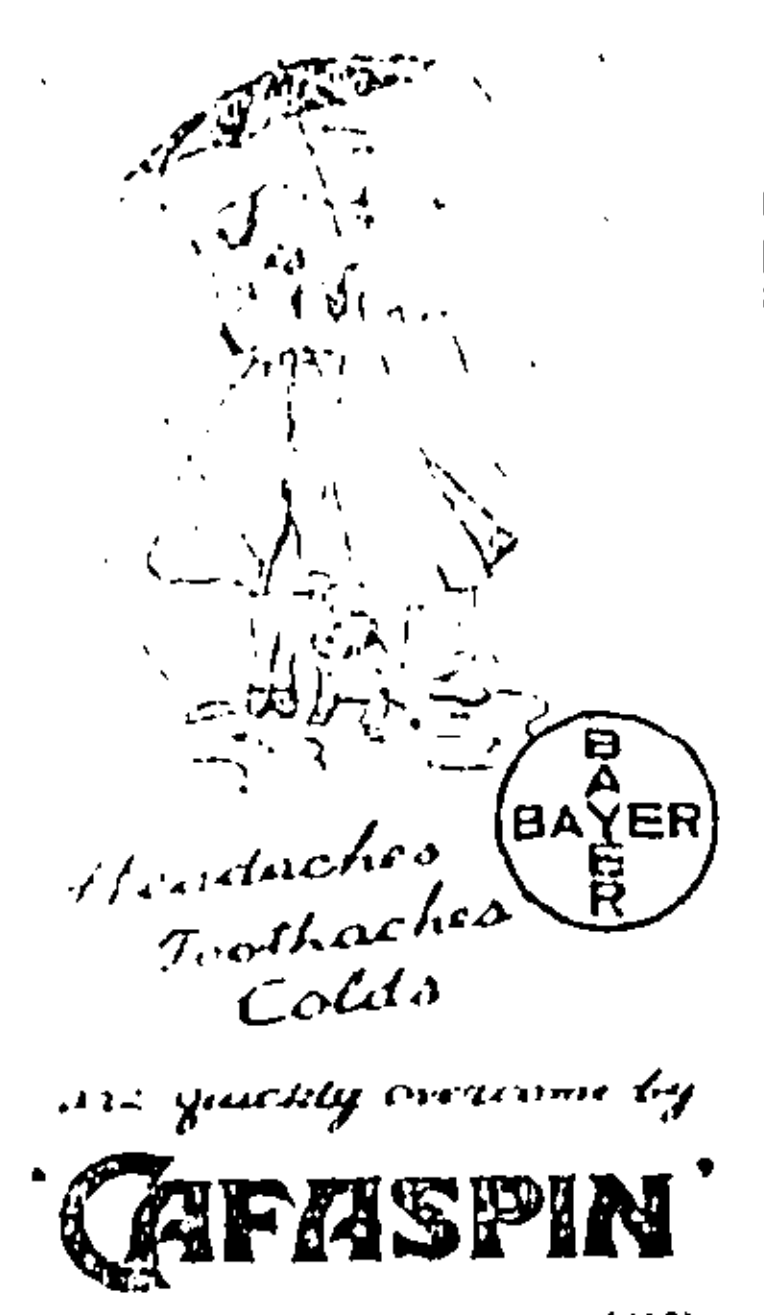
NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

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Au Chung Sing who had decided to call it a day.

THIRD MAN

Spray, whom the REME relied upon as third man in this event, was being nursed by Bould and Ellingham, his two team mates. Spray is still making excellent progress.

By the time the leading group were encountering the ice cold course on the pass for the second time they had built up their lead to twelve minutes.

At this point, the REME decided that, barring accidents, the team prize was theirs. The ride over the golf course had been wind-assisted and had given the riders a welcome break and renewed energy to tackle the notorious Route 1 for the second and last time.

Beck, Pegasus CC, making his break, Ellingham, struggling to keep up the pace that he was starting to pull away from Templeman (Essex CC), Bould and Spray, both three riders, reached the summit together, gaining over a minute in the process.

Secondly, down the hill Beck and Ellingham battled against the wind, each taking a turn in front. The two were working well when in fortune struck at Ellingham, mechanical trouble forcing him to stop.

Beck, despite the heavy chance of being caught by the chasing bunch, gave assistance to Ellingham. This delay cost them the lead they had built up and they were soon joined by the chasers.

Beck decided not to stay in the shelter of the bunch and with a half mile to make another break. Ellingham was unable to meet this attack, because of the risk of mechanical trouble again. Bould was still nursing Spray, Templeman was content to sit in and Beck was able to get clean away. Ellingham, thinking that there would still be a chance to catch Beck, forced the riders into a hard chasing unit again and set them out in pursuit of the lone rider. This proved successful, bringing the bunch to within three hundred yards of him, until Beck, seeing the pursuing riders, made a great effort and got away again.

FAR BEHIND

At this point of the race there were only two South China boys in the race, Lam Pook and Ng Kai Man, twenty one minutes separating them. Both boys were grimly determined to finish even though far behind.

Beck was now well away and the decision for second berth rested on no less than three riders' shoulders. Ellingham, Templeman and Bould, Spray had fallen back during the pursuit of Beck. With the finish now in sight, Templeman was leading the two REME boys when Ellingham drew alongside him, thus blocking his view of Bould.

Polish Ice Hockey Team For Winter Olympics

Paris, Jan. 10.

The Polish ice hockey team to compete in the Winter Olympic Games at Cortina D'Ampezzo was announced tonight. The Polish news agency, P.A.P., gave the following list of players:

Goalkeepers: Pabiez and Koczomb.
Backs: Chodur, Kowalski, Olezyk, Bronowicz, Chmura.
Forwards: Kurek, Nowak, Janiczko, Wrobel, Il, Sharynski, Brynarski, Gostyln, Czech and Wrobel III.
Backs: The opening of the Olympic Games in Poland will play three training matches in Switzerland and two in Italy. —France-Press.

St Pierre's Girls Win "Youth Cup"

In the final game for the "Youth Cup" girls basketball tournament, sponsored by the Queen Elizabeth II Youth Centre, St. Pierre's won a good victory against the Chinese YMCA girls and came out winners of the Cup by the score of 25-17.

At a curtain-raiser, the visit of the U.S.A. J.A.Z. displaying a very high standard of equipment and ship-shape, won its first friendly match by a score of 25-17.

Bould waited according to plan, and before Templeman realised what the game was, Bould was away and flashing across the line in second place. Ellingham making that little extra effort, pushed himself four lengths clear of Templeman to take third place with the Essex boy fourth.

Fifth man was Spray (REME), three minutes later, giving the REME the team prize. Next man over the line was Lam Pook, the plucky South China rider with his team mate Ng Kai Man.

In the team Championships the REME CC have a 13 point lead over their nearest rivals the South China.

Unnamed Champion Skier To Open Winter Games

Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy, Jan. 10.

An unnamed Champion skier bearing the symbolic Olympic torch will glide across the ice of the new stadium here on the morning of January 20 to mark the traditional opening of the seventh Winter Olympic Games. The torch will burn through the Games until February 5 after being ceremoniously lighted on Rome's majestic Capitol Hill on January 22. It will travel by land, sea and air to Cortina, where an unnamed skier will bear it across the snow slopes to the stadium.

Representatives of more than 30 competing nations will attend the Rome lighting ceremony in the lovely square designed by Michelangelo over 400 years ago. The flame will then be carried in procession through the heart of Rome and along the ancient Appian way to the airport on the outskirts of the city.

A special aircraft will take it to Venice, where another ceremony will be held in St. Mark's Square. Steamer and motor-boat will be used for the trip across the Venetian lagoon to Mestre on the Adriatic coast east of Venice.

Relays of athletes will carry the flame along the Dolomite roads leading to this Italian skier resort, 5000 ft. in the mountains.

All roads over to the skier for the last stage of the journey. —France-Press.

Competitors arriving here tonight for the Winter Olympic Games, found snow falling steadily.

Since last night there has been a fall of 30 centimetres (about 10 1/2 inches), and a quail of men were employed to clear the bobsleigh track before the selection trials for two Italian teams could be held. —Reuter.

ITALIAN TEAM
The Italian bobsleigh Federation tonight announced the composition of its bobsleigh four-man teams for the Winter Olympic Games.

Team No 1 — Dino and Giovanni De Martin, Tebacek and Danura (Pieve Di Cadore Bobsleigh Club).
Team No 2 — Monti, Girardi, Alvera and Stok (Cortina D'Ampezzo Bobsleigh Club). —France-Press.

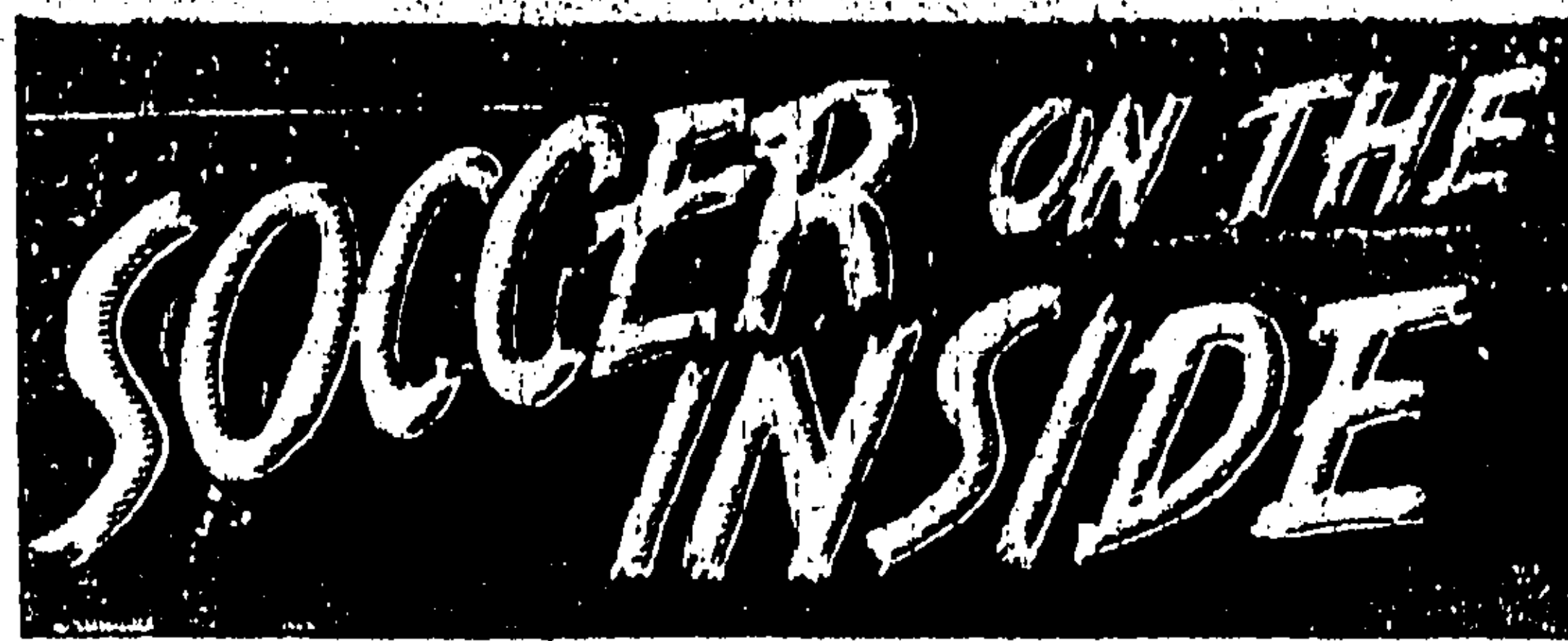
Denis Compton Makes Good Recovery

London, Jan. 10.
Denis Compton, the England and Middlesex batsman, left University College Hospital, London, today, he underwent a slight abdominal operation on December 30 and has made a good recovery.

Two months ago, Compton's right knee cap was removed, and while in hospital, he continued his treatment. —France-Press.

FARELF BOXING TICKETS

Refined tickets for the final night of the FARELF Individual Boxing Championships (Hong Kong) at the Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre, Kowloon, on Monday evening, January 16, may be booked by writing to Mr. A.G.A. Walker, D.O.P.T., HQ Land Forces, "E" Block, Victoria Barracks, or by telephoning the D.O.P.T. office at 2122. —Australia-Press.



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Player's Union chief Jimmy Guthrie sweeps into action again. The union has asked the Football League to investigate an allegation of an "under the counter" payment demand by a Scottish footballer.

Bradford City director Albert Harris, who is a council member of the West Riding FA, recently told shareholders at a meeting of the club: "We want to great lengths to sign a Scottish boy. This boy went back to Scotland to think it over and then came back and asked for money."

It is understood that just before the statement by director Harris, Bradford City manager Peter Jackson was in Glasgow with the object of signing a Scot.

The player changed his mind about coming South and has since joined a Scottish League side.

In his letter to the League, player Union chief Guthrie asks, "Is the allegation is proved, for the same action as that taken in the Wilf Mannion case."

ILLEGAL PAYMENTS

Manchester suspended indefinitely after refusing to attend a Football League inquiry into his allegations of illegal payments made in newspaper articles.

A whole town congratulated a centre-forward. That's what happened last week in Blackpool. Stan Mortensen, now with Hull City, who gained international fame with Blackpool, was lauded by official resolution, at a packed town council meeting on having scored his 200th goal in League football.

Morty was 18 years with Blackpool and Alderman Jacob Parkinson and the best publicity medium for the town is its football club.

Cherry Preston North End inside-forward Tommy Thompson doesn't bother about records. He just likes his football and enjoys every match as it comes along.

But Tommy may be interested to know that another seven goals—and Preston have 10 League matches left—will beat his best goal haul. —21 two seasons ago with Aston Villa.

In 20 outings, last season sharp-shooting schemer Thompson snatched 14. He has just topped this total for his new club in the same number of matches.

Tommy is rated the best of Finney's 20 partners. And he has mutual high regard for the English outside-right. What do Preston think? They think they have a great right-wing.

Perez Defends World Flyweight Title Tonight

Buenos Aires, Jan. 10.

Pascual Perez, Argentine World Flyweight Champion, who won the title in November 1954 from Yoshio Shirai (Japan) and retained it by knocking out the Japanese fighter last May, defends his title here tomorrow night against Leo Espinosa (Philippines).

This fight, originally fixed for December 30 and postponed until January 7, had been delayed owing to an injured hand sustained by the Champion.

Quizzes, a quarter of a mile long, today by early today by anxious to see the first World title fight due to be staged in Buenos Aires. Ringside seats were selling at 300 per cent of their original cost.

Contracts signed by the principals have a clause that should Espinosa win, the title from the Champion, he will fight a revenge match within three months. Perez is a favourite and will take 30 per cent of the takings, considered to be 300,000 pesos (\$23,000 sterling). Espinosa will receive 120 thousand pesos (\$2,120 sterling). —Reuter.

pair. No wonder. They've scored 26 goals between them this season.

Not generally known—North End paid more than their former record Eddie Gullley fee of £25,000 for ever-present Thompson. They don't regret that spending for one moment.

What's this... conflict in the dressing-room? Fair enough. Just Collin Granger's team-mates greeting his appearance this week. A big day for Collin. After his wedding at Royston, near Barnsey, Collin turned up for a Cup team injury check-up.

His Sheffield United team-mates showed him with conflict when he walked through the door.

West Bromwich, Sheffield United, and Leeds United still like the look of Jimmy Watt, sharp-shooting centre-forward of Berwick Rangers, the Scottish "B" Division club.

Chelsea assistant manager Stewart Davidson saw him last week-end, but was not impressed.

Fulham directors have unanimously rejected the West Bromwich offer for inside forward Bobby Robson. "It wouldn't be the same without Bobby," stressed chairman Charles Dean.

Fulham are not prepared to break up the £40,000 trio of Robson, Johnny Haynes and Bedford Jezzard. "Not only do these lads like each other a great deal, but it might affect their play if there was a split up," adds Mr Dean.

West Bromwich offered defenders plus cash. But Fulham, while considering this offer, did not think it good enough to even consider Robson.

NO FLOODLIGHTS

No floodlights at Charlton for some time yet. The club have been told that before they can install the lighting they will have to pay £2,000 for the laying of an additional quarter-mile cable from the main Greenwich Road.

When Jess Carver was manager of Coventry he told a London soccer friend, "Alec Stock would do well in Italy. He has the personality to earn big money."

Now that Carver is back in Italy you can expect some fancy offers to come the way of the Leyton Orient chief.

New Coventry manager George Raynor, ex-Swedish national coach and former coach at Lazio (the Italian club now claiming Jesse Carver) says:—

"I shall never go abroad again. I am going to try to make as big a name in English football as I made abroad."

Dapper Charlie Wayman delighted the directors of Mansfield Town in a 20-minute interview at Mansfield and was told: "We want you as our player-manager."

Mario Dagata In Manila

Manila, Jan. 10.

The No. 1 contender for the World Bantamweight Championship, Mario Dagata, of Italy, arrived here by air on Tuesday for a fight on January 21 with the Filipino Little Cesar who is ranked ninth among the World's Bantamweight boxers.

Deaf-mute Dagata, who made a sensational comeback after being shot and seriously wounded in a barroom string 11 months ago, was accompanied by his manager, Mr. Libero Cocchini. —France-Press.

They have begun negotiations with Middlebrough for the transfer of centre-forward Wayman, ex-Preston and Southampton.

But here is not-so-good news for Alderman James Jenkins, chairman of Mansfield:—

Middlebrough manager Bob Denison is not keen to sell Wayman. He is first team centre forward at Middlebrough and he is valued at around £5,000.

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Colony Squash Championship Closing Date

Very few entries have so far been received for the Colony Squash Championship and it has therefore been decided to postpone the closing date till Friday, January 13 at 4 p.m.

Those wishing to enter are again reminded that entry forms are obtainable from the Hongkong Cricket Club or from any of the following: R. M. Macpherson, telephone 38001; L/Cmdr F. Slim, H.M.S. Newfoundland; Capt J. E. Stewart, telephone 54121 ext. 387; or F/O J. K. Jenkins, R.A.F. Kai Tak, telephone 58071 ext. 91.

The 1955 Champion, D. G. Coffey, will not be in the Colony to defend his title and the Championship should be a very open one. Col. Sullivan and F/O Jenkins have both entered and may well repeat the good performances which they put up last year.

Guy Fritchard and Rory Macpherson will also be playing and both are capable of reaching the later rounds. It is hoped that there will be several players not previously seen in action in the Colony. The draw will be published over the coming week-end and the first round matches will commence on Monday, January 16.

Archer Fails Fitness Test

Melbourne, Jan. 10.

Ron Archer, the Queensland Test all-rounder, failed to pass a fitness test today and has withdrawn from the Malley-Taylor testimonial cricket match which begins on Friday in Sydney.

His place will be taken by John Power, the Victorian all-rounder.

Archer was chosen to play for the side captained by Keith Miller, who himself withdrew from the match yesterday because of a back injury. The game will serve as a trial before the team to tour England is selected. —China Mail Special.

GOLF DATES IN U.K. THIS YEAR

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews has announced the dates and dates for the Golf Championships of 1957. They are the Amateur Championship at Royal St. George's, Sandwich, May 27 to June 1; the Open Championship at Muirfield from July 1 to 6; the Boys' Championship, at Carnoustie, August 10 to 24.

The club also confirmed the arrangements for this year's match between the Amateurs and Professionals which will take place at the Royal Mid-Surrey Club's course at Richmond on August 4 and 5.

THE BATTLE GOES ON BETWEEN PIRIE AND SPORTS WRITERS

By VERNON MORGAN

London, Jan. 10.

The battle between Gordon Pirie, British track star, and sports writers continued all last week.

Quite a large proportion of the British public discussing his attack on the sports writers when being presented with the Sporting Record's Sportsman of the Year Trophy have a good deal of sympathy for his point of view. Virtually none, however, thought he had presented his case well, in fact, could not have done himself less justice or that he chose a suitable time for his outburst.

Letters to the newspapers and what one gleams in conversation because it is still the favourite sporting topic would show that sports writers are not very popular with the public.

That Pirie is popular was obvious, otherwise he would not have topped the nationwide poll of the sporting record and got the award from the BBC for the TV sporting personality of the year.

He may not be quite so popular since his outburst, but most letter writers have come out in his favour. Typical examples are: "Pirie is right. Sports writers have not given any progressive or positive suggestion for soccer since the war. We applaud Pirie's courage in slapping you down." "Lay off Pirie and do us all a good service." "I nominate Pirie as Sportsman of the Year, not for his racing achievements, but for putting the sports writers in their places."

OUTSIDE CRITICS

But he has his critics outside the sports writers. "What a grim unkindly way Pirie received his award. Not a smile. We all know he is a superb runner, but that does not make him a sportsman," says a writer from Torquay. A Londoner wrote: "We hold a high prestige for sportsmanship. I don't see why we should have it marred by a person who is liable to bellyache if he is beaten."

Out of it all comes the question: "Should there be such 'ballots' and 'do they not do more harm than good' as they have certainly done in this instance."

It is an interesting talking point. If such ballots were truly representative, if they were conducted by the right people, that is to say by those best qualified to run them, and if they were universal, there is certainly something to be said for them. Popularity votes have always been liked and they do seem to stimulate sport and competition, which is probably a good thing.

It is an American idea which has spread and perhaps not always to the best advantage. There must have been disputes in the United States as to the correctness of some of the awards, but they would appear to keep such ballots within bounds by generally keeping to the individual sports, the best athlete, best baseball players and so on though they also have the famous Sullivan Award for the best sportsman or sportswoman.

In Britain, there are complications because of two distinct "sportsman of the year" ballots, the one run by the Sports Writers Association, and the other by the Sporting Record. The former is confined to men only; the latter is for either sex. Then there is the television sporting personality award and awards of the Football writers, cricket writers and so on. Such competitions could spread to the detriment of all concerned.

EASILY WREST

One Sunday newspaper, attacking the "Sportsman of the Year" poll, said out of seven of the voters did not pick him as their Champion.

The newspaper says these ballots are vulnerable to "small groups packing the voting" and to "funders and voters" having certain sportsmen suggested to them by the way in which the competition is projected and timed. That of course is perfectly true.

It also says that smaller and exclusive ballots conducted by Sports Writers Associations are also harmful because in that

they tend to play one sportsman against another. Again, this cannot be denied.

It concludes "It would be better for everyone concerned if the public in response to a newspaper or radio stunt were not invited to assess performances and behaviour in team and individual sports which differ so widely that they cannot be compared."

Austrian Soccer Team Arriving On Monday

The Austrian Wiener Sport Club football team will be coming to the Colony on Monday, January 16, to play a series of three matches here. The first game starts on Wednesday, January 18 at the Hongkong Stadium.

The Wiener Sport Club which was founded 45 years ago has a long and splendid record. Their standard of football has reached continental class. The Club has also a number of players in the Austrian A and B National teams.

In their recent match against the Olympic selection of Norway, played before a 35,000 crowd, they lost narrowly by 4-3.

Following are some of the results of the matches Wiener Sport Club played during the year:

City selection Hagen 4-2; City selection Aalen 4-0; City selection Schwerte 5-1; F.C. Kaiserslautern 2-2; F.C. Nurnberg 3-1; Rapid Wien 2-1; Austria Wien 2-1; Austria Wien 4-1; Wacker Wien 1-1; A.S. FC Wien 0-0; F.A.C. Wien 1-1; Vienna Wien 4-0; Wien 4-1; Laak Linz 4-3; Blauweiss Wien 2-2; Selection team Denmark 2-2; F.C. Mainz 2-2; City selection Kopenhagen 3-0; F.C. Helsingborg 3-1; F.C. Servette Genve 2-1; Austria Wien 2-1; Switzerland 2-2; City selection Athen 2-2; City selection Amsterdam 1-1; City selection Copenhagen 2-2; City selection Malmö 0-0; F.C. Aalborg 4-2; Selection team Montpelier 4-0; A.S. FC Mainz 2-2; Austria Wien 12-0; Red Star Wien 7-0, 6-0.

Following are the players: Steindl, Mach, Hasenkopf, Stadlmayer, Barandent, Jarosch, Horst, Gensel, Miesner, Kowandz, and Szokol. Reserves: Barandent, Netten, Broek, Ede.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Rumania Expects Great Things From Iolanda Balas

Melbourne, Jan. 10.

Two Rumanian sporting officials arrived here by air today, mainly to inspect arrangements as they will affect their country's Olympic Games representatives.

Rumania will have a team of 70 men and 10 women.

The two officials are Samoil Baranyi, of the Rumanian Olympic Committee, and Dr. Traian Drămlăscu, a physical culture expert.

Baranyi said the Rumanians are beating their hopes mainly on rowing, canoeing and gymnastics, while they expect great things from Iolanda Balas, an 18-year-old girl high jumper who was credited with the world's second best performance last year.

The two officials will spend ten days here. —Reuter.

THE GAMBOLS



WHERE ARE WE GOING?
SALE
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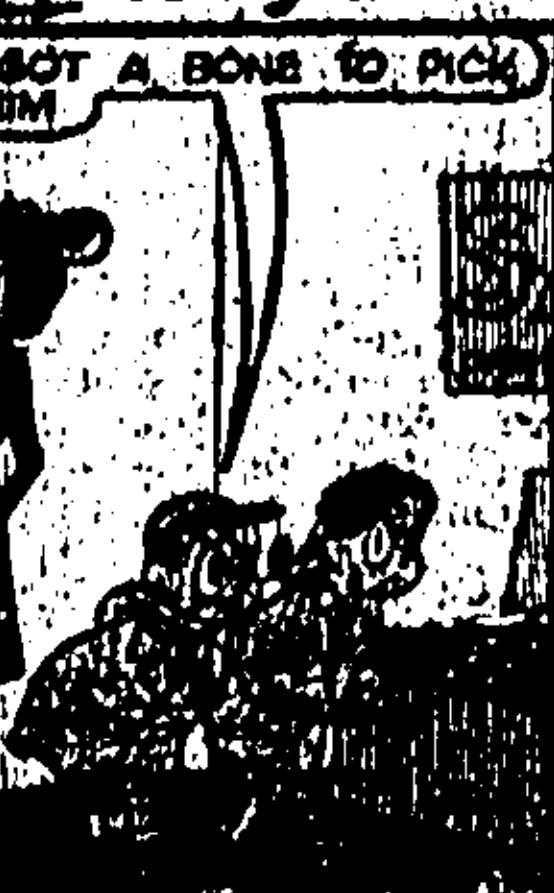
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So tender and tasty
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GREAT NORTHERN
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SALMON STEAK

ADVENTURE IS NEEDED IN 1956 SOCCER

Says ARTHUR DREWRY
(Chairman Of The Football Association)

There is inspiration in the football outlook for 1956, for there is much to do in a changing world, and the rewards for success are great! The modern tendency to live far from the daily work has many compensations, but it puts domestic and economic forces up against regular support of the old club. But people still want football, as the Christmas attendances showed, and it may well be that, if they cannot come to football, then football must go to them.

The fast-rising suburbs round the new towns must be catered for.

It is all part of the "new age" that entertainment must have a spice of the unexpected. I could wish for new and unusual opponents in addition to the "bread and butter" League games.

FLOODLIGHTING

I believe that those responsible for the arrangement of the present fixture lists will recognize the desire for some adventure.

The answer may be in the careful use of floodlighting.

When the lights went up in the closing stages of the recent England v. Spain game at Wembley, I think something unexpected far more important than the mere throwing of a switch.

The lights illuminated two things; how right it was that

the experiment should be made at that time; and how eagerly the 100,000 at the Empire Stadium, representative of interested millions, welcomed it.

ROOM FOR TELEVISION

From this to television. It is easy to see the lure that TV, in the comfort of the home or big-screen cinema, has for great numbers of people, especially in bad weather.

Television is not a menace to football, nor a substitute for it. It is here to stay, and we must make room for it. It can be of immense benefit and importance to football.

I remember my predecessor as League president, when talking of promotion and relegation in that great competition, used to say of two up and two down: "It is no such thing. In the Third Division it is two up and none down; only in the Second Division is it two up and two down, for in the First Division it is two down and none up."

So, you see, it is very tough at the top. I always seemed to me a little unfair to the First Division, and I have pondered on the possibility of a top section, of restricted numbers, promoted from the First Division, with enough spare dates for other attractive fixtures, but still within the League.

A man who thinks the manager of the game has dropped. On the contrary, I have been much impressed by the quality of many games I have seen recently. And I have been able to see more amateur football. The recent variety of Wembley, a most skillful and stirring encounter, observed a man player come to watch and delight in the purpose and method behind the moves of these gifted young amateur players.

COULD END DRIFT

I hope that in future the amateur clubs and schools will take even more advantage of the first-class coaching system offered by the Football Association.

If we can ensure that such games as the variety match will be seen by many more masters and schools we shall have less about a "drift" to rugby by some of the grammar and public schools. There were intelligence and skill there, as well as recreation in plenty.

A final word. In 1956 I would like to see England become more conscious of FIFA, and of our place in the world game.

THE VITAL VIEW

I was never so proud of England as I am today. The correspondent says our football prestige has declined internationally, that we no longer count for so much.

But even with 88 national football associations affiliated to FIFA all keen for a place in the Soccer sun, the first question when a problem arises is: "What does England say about it?" And for England read Britain, for we think together on these things.

In England we play the game for the sake of the game.

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DRAW FOR FA CUP 4th ROUND

London, Jan. 9. The draw for the fourth round of the Football Association cup competition made here today resulted as follows: (ties to be played on Saturday, January 28):

York City v. Sunderland. West Bromwich Albion v. Portsmouth. Southampton v. Manchester City or Blackpool. West Ham United v. Cardiff City. Liverpool v. Tottenham Hotspur. Newcastle United v. Birmingham City. Bristol City v. Doncaster Rovers. Tottenham Hotspur v. Middlesbrough. Luton Town v. Swindon Town. Brighton v. Birmingham City. Luton Town v. Leicester City v. Stoke City. v. Everton. Fulham v. Newcastle United. Replays, if necessary, on or before Thursday, February 2.—Hester.

BURNLEY BEAT BURY

London, Jan. 10. Burnley beat Bury 1-0 in their FA Cup third round tie at Bury today. The match had to be abandoned because of fog last Saturday when the teams were tied, 2-2. Burnley are now at home to Chelsea in the fourth round.—Router.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Combined Schools Hockey trial at Sookunpo, 3 p.m.
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TOMORROW
Table Tennis
Police Inter-Division, Maxwell Shield at Boundary Street, 3 p.m.
Land Forces, Othello Championship at Manukau, 3 p.m.

FRIDAY
Rugby, Otago v. Canterbury, at Sookunpo, 2 p.m.
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SATURDAY
Rugby, Otago v. Canterbury, at Sookunpo, 2 p.m.
Rugby, Otago v. Canterbury, at Sookunpo, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY
Rugby, Otago v. Canterbury, at Sookunpo, 2 p.m.
Rugby, Otago v. Canterbury, at Sookunpo, 2 p.m.



The Spot of Honour at the Top of the Sports Parade this week is well and worthily filled by the members of the Army soccer team who scored such a brilliant victory over South China in the Senior Shield on Sunday.

There was nothing lucky or indecisive about their 4-2 triumph; neither was there the slightest doubt about which was the fitter side at the end.

The departure of Crompton and Haydock a few days before the big game was of course a blow, but to well did Robson and Chalmers play there was never the slightest suggestion that the playing strength had been impaired.

Both of these players who were making their comeback to the senior side after a long absence through sickness and injury respectively showed an immediate return to their best form, and it must be a long time since Lee Yut-lik was so completely blotted out of the game as he was on this occasion by Robson.

A late, and to many a surprising change in the line-up, saw McLoughlin making a return to the left wing berth and McMillan moving over to the opposite wing. The switch paid a rich dividend on both sides of the field for McLoughlin's mobility on one side and McMillan's tenacity on the other worried the usually reliable South China defenders into making vital errors. This gave Morris the sort of chances that have come his way all too seldom this season and he did a grand job by cracking three of them into the net.

SPECIAL MENTION
Special mention must be made too of the great contribution by McMorris and Mullett who suppressed the famous South China inside forwards, Ho Cheung-yau and Yiu Cheuk-yin, and so took much of the bite out of their forward threat.

The game was gruelling, hard fought and uncompromising. The tackling was probably the hardest and the marking the closest that has been seen in the Colony in a long time, but it was never anything but a fair and square game of manly football.

It is interesting to note that there were only four stoppages in the whole hectic 90 minutes. The first was when Mok Chun-wah was injured in a tackle with Hogan; again when Wing-wah injured his shoulder resulted in the referee having a word both with the Chinese boy and his captain.

Both of these stoppages occurred in the first half and there were two more in the second half when Charlesworth received a kick in the tummy and an interesting incident took place early in the game when, after Chalmers had been bowled over in a hefty tackle, the referee inspected the boots of Kwok Kam-hung and found protruding nails which had cut deeply into Chalmers' flesh. The referee promptly and correctly sent Kwok to the dressing room to have the offending nails hammered down.

For the benefit of casual followers of the team's fortunes here was the winning line-up on Sunday: Chalmers (27), 72 (Stranger's) Bly RA), Mullett (7 Hussars), McMorris and Robson (24 Fd Eng Regt RB), Tolfrey (6 COD), McMillan (6 COD), Chalmers (RME at 27 HAA Regt RA), Morris (6 COD), White and McLoughlin (1 King's Own). The official referee was Sgt Chesterman (RASC att, 24 Fd Eng Regt RB).

Press comment about the playing of senior clubsters in Second Division games has been widely discussed since this week. Such an incident—although certainly not the only one—concerned Army North 'B' who played 'A' team star Greenhalgh in their game against DBS on Saturday. I have been given the full facts about the matter and I offer them here without comment.

TWO MEN SHORT
Greenhalgh was not selected to play for Army North 'B' in the game concerned. Several players did not turn up and the team was two men short. The scorer joined in to make up part of the deficit and they started off with 10 men. The game was already underway when Greenhalgh put in an appearance and he was invited to make up the team although it was pointed out to him by the team captain that it was most unlikely he would be.

Greenhalgh was not called upon to bowl until the closing stages of the game and he did not bowl a single ball. He did not bowl at all in fact, and in fact cut his teeth on a couple of bats, although he did not get them through the stumps.

We started the column this week with soccer and it seems as good a way as any to finish it. The draw for the semi-finals of the Senior Shield has been made and the Army and Eastern sides are certain to be a great demand for tickets. The game is scheduled for early February and some who want to get a ticket are advised to keep a close look-out for news of how they can be obtained. It is likely to be through the Senior Shield.

The inter-team movement of players is always a controversial subject and generally it is not a practice that is to be admired, but from a full consideration of the facts given above, it will be seen that the playing of Greenhalgh was unpremeditated and that both the team captain and the player himself took what they felt were fair and reasonable steps to meet the spirit of the situation.

RUGGER DATE
The next big date on the Army rugby calendar is Wednesday, January 18, when the semi-finals of the Hongkong Stage of the FARELF Inter-Unit Knock-out Championships will be played off at the Army Ground at Boundary Street.

The first game which is between HK Signal Regiment and 74 LAA Regt RA will start at 2.30 p.m. and it will be followed at 4 o'clock by 1 King's Own and 15 Med Regt RA.

This double-header should provide a feast of exciting rugby and it is to be hoped that the units will give the occasion the support it deserves.

The draw for the Hongkong Stage of the FARELF Basketball Championships has produced some excellent ties. The draw for the first round which has to be played off by January 23 is as follows:—2/3 Hussars v. 81 Coy RASC; 66 Coy RASC v. 6 COD; HQLE v. Gurkha Sig Tp; HK Sig Regt v. 24 Fd Eng. In the second round 82 Ind Sqn RE meet CPO, and HKCTU await the winners of 2/2 GR—Far East Farm tie.

The semi-finals will be played off on the morning of February 8 and the final will take place on the same afternoon. The venue for the semi-finals and the final will be announced in due course.

Hockey has not been getting the publicity and support it really deserves but there will certainly be no lack of interest in the forthcoming Inter-Unit Knock-out Competition. The draw for the quarter-finals of the Major Units series which have to be played off by January 14 is as follows:—7 Hussars v. 27 HAA; HQLE v. 24 Fd Eng; HK Sig Regt v. 2/7 GR; N Staffs v. 74 LAA.

The Minor Unit semi-final draw is as follows:—137 Bty v. 6 COD at Sookunpo on January 13 at 3 p.m. and Command Workshops v. 15 Fd Pk Sqn at Boundary Street on the same date at 2 p.m.

NOVICES MEET
A special Athletic Meeting for novices is being arranged for January 20 at the Carline Hill. It is expected that this meeting will be of particular interest to many young soldiers and they are advised to watch out for full details which will be published in the Colony press very soon.

At 9 o'clock tomorrow morning those Army boxers who are settling out on the long trail to the Land Forces and FARELF Championships will present themselves to the clerk of the scales at the Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre for weighing-in.

A few hours later the boxing preliminaries will start. The preliminaries will take place in two sessions between 2 o'clock and 4.30 p.m. and from 6.30 until all necessary bouts are completed. Spectators who intend to be present at both periods should remember that the one admission of \$2 and \$1 will admit them to both sessions.

In other words don't throw your ticket away when the first session is finished.

The same nominal admission charges will be made for the semi-finals on Friday when boxing will be from 6 o'clock until 9 p.m.

The finals will be staged on Monday next at 8 o'clock and tickets can be booked through the D.O.P. at HQLE (Tel 24121 Ext 468). Unreserved seats at \$2 and \$1 will be available at the door.

Flamboyance Should Be Victor Mature's Middle Name

Says ROBERT ROBINSON

A forthcoming fellow is Victor Mature. He does not hedge. He does not pretend he sits home and knits. He is no violet.

Flamboyance should be his middle name. (And probably is). When Mr Mature lunches down at Elstree he calls for a whole chicken, eats a couple of legs, and throws the rest over one shoulder.

Are the lamps in his dressing-room too bright? With his bare hands Mr Mature wrenches the two hot globes and crushes them into small pieces.

"But," I say to him, "I have heard nothing of you recently. Is England tiring you down? Have you turned folksy like all the rest?"

"Well," says Mr Mature, rubbing a cold, ham-and-egg breakfast out of the beard he wears as Zarak Khan, "I have just had a separation which cost me 600,000 dollars. I wouldn't call that chintzy."

And he tells me how he spent Christmas.

"I went on a three-day dancing jag. Started dancing one morning at nine o'clock and ended up at five a.m. three days later. Funny thing is, I don't like dancing."

PUT-UP JOB

He operates in a big way. That time he founced out of the Savoy claiming he was off to New York to get a bath since he couldn't get one in London. The whole thing was a put-up job.

"I had someone I wanted to see in New York," grins Mature.

"I knew darn well the studio wouldn't let me go—so I threw a phoney temper tantrum, acted dignified and pretended I wanted a bath."

"Boy, what a publicity gag! Even Warwick films—the people I'm working for—admitted that." Mr Mature does not say "Warwick." He studiously refuses to pronounce it any way but "War-uhk"—and his conversation is larded with malapropisms and expelatives in about equal proportions.

To biblical bookends—roles like Samson—Mr Mature's attitude is robustly commercial. "Three films run for two and three years in Africa and places like that."

"Only the other day I was walking through the Casbah in Tangier and the ladies were asking their heads out of windows and moaning 'Samson, Samson' as I passed."

"It's good show-business, boy. Why do Mille's Ten Commandments is going to make 100 million dollars."

"If you and me shared two per cent of that, son, we could tell the cinema public and your newspaper both to go take a bark at themselves."

An enchanting prospect.

PENALTY

But the penalties of being the daddy of beefcake are severe. "They were swarming up the drainpipes in Tangier," Mr Mature admits, "and we had to call the fire-brigade."

And one morning Mr Mature awoke to find half a dozen adoring bobby-soxers clustered half-wittedly at the end of his bed. They had broken in...

Rita Hayworth is his favourite leading lady, Lucille Ball the only one he had difficulty with. He would have got on fine with Joan Bennett, if during the rehearsal of a scene where he had to slap her, he hadn't misjudged the distance and knocked her property-wig off.

RETREAT

"Only one person in the world thinks I can really act," says Mr Mature, moodily, "my mother. But she wants me to play nice parts where I wear ties."

He takes no exercise to keep his fifteen since in trim.

WORLD BRIDGE

Paris, Jan. 10. The French team today increased its lead to 63 international points in the contract bridge World Championship, which is being played in Paris. France has now scored 229 international points against America's 166.

In total game points, France had 60,780 against America's 54,310 after 144 hands.—France-Press.

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They Plan For Those New Stars

By STANLEY MATTHEWS

Managers tell you that only good luck keeps them secure in their jobs. That may be so. Like all good football teams, they have to have the run of the ball.

But, believe me, it takes more than good luck to make a Cup-winning or League Championship side.

It is that touch of genius that makes the successful manager, that instinct of being able to put the right man in the right place at the right time.

Inter-School Football Standings

Following are the inter-school football league fixtures for the week-end and the league standings:

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Senior	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Joseph's	7	0	0	31	0	14	
Collegiate	7	0	0	31	0	14	
Queen's	7	0	0	31	0	14	
Wah Yan	7	0	0	31	0	14	
St Louis	7	0	0	31	0	14	
Clement	7	0	0	31	0	14	
King's	7	0	0	31	0	14	
La Salle	7	0	0	31	0	14	
Abeydon	7	0	0	31	0	14	
KGV	7	0	0	31	0	14	
Wah Yan HK	7	0	0	31	0	14	
Q. Elizabeth	7	0	0	31	0	14	
St Stephen's	7	0	0	31	0	14	
Chatham	7	0	0	31	0	14	
Intermediate	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Salesian School	7	0	0	31	0	14	
St Louis	7	0	0	31	0	14	
St Joseph's	7	0	0	31	0	14	
La Salle	7	0	0	31	0	14	
Wah Yan HK	7	0	0	31	0	14	
Clement	7	0	0	31	0	14	
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Chatham	7	0	0	31	0	14	

LEAGUE FIXTURES

Senior	Time	Fixture
La Salle v. Salesian at Happy Valley No. 2, 11.15—C. Mak		
Clement v. King's at Happy Valley No. 2, 11.15—Chung Yan-king		
Queen's v. St Louis at Happy Valley No. 2, 11.15—S. Pratt		
Wah Yan HK v. SPK at King's Park, 11.00—S. N. Hui		
KGV v. Poo Sun at KGV School Ground, 11.00—E. F. Brigham		
St Stephen's v. St Joseph's at Happy Valley No. 2, 11.15—P. Partridge		
Q. Elizabeth v. Wah Yan HK at Police "B" Boundary Street, 11.15—C. Y. Minis		
Chatham Bye.		
Intermediate	Time	Fixture
La Salle v. Salesian at Happy Valley No. 2, 10.15—C. Mak		
Clement v. SPK at King's Park, 10.15—F. A. Barrett		
Wah Yan HK v. St Joseph's at Happy Valley No. 2, 10.15—P. Man-son		
Junior Tech. v. Queen's at Happy Valley No. 2, 10.15—C. Mak		
Wah Yan HK v. SPK at King's Park, 10.15—S. N. Hui		
KGV v. Poo Sun at KGV School Ground, 11.00—E. F. Brigham		
St Stephen's v. St Joseph's at Happy Valley No. 2, 11.15—P. Partridge		
Q. Elizabeth v. Wah Yan HK at Police "B" Boundary Street, 11.15—C. Y. Minis		
Chatham Bye.		

Take Jimmy Seed, of Chatham. He cannot refuse the Continental offer for Eddie Forman, transfers him, and then slips in Jimmy Gauld.

Did Charlton suffer? Look at the League table. Young Gauld fitted right into the Charlton scheme and is getting goals regularly.

GOOD FEE

Cliff Britton did a similar thing at Everton. He pushed young Jimmy Morris into the centre-forward berth at the right time and was able to sell Dave Hickson for a good fee to Aston Villa.

Harris is developing into a leader in the Dean-Lawton class. It seemed a silly thing for Alex Stock to transfer Vic for Alex Stock to Arsenal in the middle of Orient's promotion bid. But Ron Heckman is the new star in the Orient march. Even the brilliance of Groves is not missed at Leyton nowadays.

They did it at Burnley too. Allen Brown, realising that Bill Holden wanted a move, prepared for the day by drafting in young Peter McKay.

Holden has now moved to Sunderland, but there is no vacant spot in the Burnley outfit. McKay has made the job his own.

And look at Manchester United. Matt Busby parted with two sons, Son Pearson, Jack Rowley, and Allan Chilton, but the strength of the side was not impaired.

He had the right man ready for the job in Pegg, Violet, and Mark Jones.

Bill Anderson let star leader Andy Grover leave Lincoln, bought him back again, then transferred him to Stoke.

It seemed to be a black day for Lincoln fans when Grover went, but Anderson had the new man waiting.

He brought in Tommy Northcott and Lincoln got on their way knocking the best in the Second Division.

It just shows you how a good football manager plans ahead—to be ready for the quick shuffle when the stars go.—London Express Service.

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Auckland To Stage 1964 Olympic Games?

Melbourne, Jan. 10. Auckland has applied to the International Olympic Committee to stage the 1964 Olympic Games, Mr Edgar Tanner, Secretary of the Melbourne Olympic Organising Committee, said today.

He said the deputy chairman of the Auckland Provisional Games Committee, Mr. Rex Moon, would visit Melbourne soon to study the organisation of this year's games.

Auckland staged the 1960 British Empire Games.—Reuter.

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DEATHS

MARTIN—Thomas Archdale Martin,
dearly-loved husband of Mary
and father of Anthony and
Timothy, passed away peacefully
at the Matilda Hospital on
Tuesday, 10th January, 1956.
Funeral service will be held at
the St. John's Cathedral at 4
p.m. today. Coffin will pass
the Monument at 4.40 p.m. of
the same day.

NOLASCO DA SILVA—Guido
Leonor de Menezes passed away
peacefully January 10, 1956 in
Macao, beloved wife of Henrique
Nolasco da Silva, beloved
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viding for taxation etc.,
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It is proposed to write
H.K.\$4,000,000 off Bank Pre-
mises and to pay a Final
Dividend of £3 per share
leaving a balance to be
carried forward of H.K.\$10,-
606,689.—These figures are
subject to audit.

As a result of amendments
to the Inland Revenue
Ordinance (Cap. 112) which
came into effect on 15th
September, 1955, dividends
are no longer subject to
deduction of Hong Kong
Corporation Profits Tax.

NOTICE

**THE HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION**
Ordinary Yearly General
Meeting

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that the Ordinary
Yearly General Meeting of the
Shareholders of the Cor-
poration will be held at the
Head Office of the Cor-
poration, 1 Queen's Road, Central,
Hong Kong, on Friday, the
10th day of March, 1956, at
Noon for the purpose of
receiving and considering the
reports of the Directors
and of the Profit and Loss
Account and Balance Sheet
for the year ended 31st
December, 1955, and for the
election of Directors and fix-
ing their remuneration and the
appointment of Auditors.

**THE REGISTER OF
SHARES** of the Corporation
will be closed from Friday,
the 2nd of March to Friday,
the 19th of March, 1956,
(both days inclusive) during
which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
MICHAEL V. TURNER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 10th Jan., 1956.

FRANCO'S TASK FOR 1956?

Drives For Housing And Literacy

By Henry Buckley

Madrid, Jan. 10.

The feature of trends in Spain during 1956 is likely to be to give a more permanent political framework to the present regime.

Substantial sections of Monarchist, Falangist and Catholic circles have accepted, at least tentatively, General Francisco Franco's plan for a "Modern Monarchy," with the 17-year-old Prince Juan Carlos of Bourbon, grandson of the late King Alfonso, as candidate for the throne.

In Catholic and Falangist circles, there is a strong conviction that Spain needs urgently a long term plan to raise the general level of living of the masses.

Intensive study is being made of the French Monnet Plan and the Italian Vannoli Plan, which are rich in ideas.

Press Freedom

Catholic circles tend to lean to a solution based on over-all State control, but with private enterprise predominating. Falange circles propose nationalisation of the banks and sharp measures against monopolies.

A greater measure of freedom of the press seems to be foreseen. General Franco recently gave his first press conference in which he answered all ques-
tions put to him. The conference was for United States correspondents only, but it marks a new attitude towards the press.

A new press law was pro-
posed in 1955 by the Minister of Information but it was rejected by Catholic and Falange circles and was withdrawn. The main proposal to which Catholics and Falangists objected was that the Minister of Information should appoint newspaper editors. The object of this was to remove the editor from the commercial or political pressure of the proprietor of the publication.

Housing Problem

Critics, however, while agreeing that it was desirable that editors should not have to a-
just news and views to meet the wishes of newspaper owners, thought that they might come too much under the pressure of the Government.

Other problems now being studied in Spain are those of building more houses, particularly at moderate prices, and the necessity for abolishing illiteracy, which still plagues 14 per cent of the population over the age of ten years.

To deal with these political and social problems, General Franco is expected to name a new ministerial team this year to face the changing needs of Spain.

Three Stages

His rule so far has fallen into three clearly-defined stages:

1. From the end of the civil war in 1939 until 1945, the primary aim was liquidation of the war problems, reconstruction and keeping the nation free from entanglement in World War II.

2. In 1945, Franco named a new Government to face the problems of isolation and industrialization and to deal with the acute national shortage of food and primary materials.

3. The end of isolation and of food shortages in 1951 was marked by a further Cabinet change, after which the new Government was entrusted with the task of stabilising prices and commercial conditions.

At present, fifty-five ended successfully for General Franco. The admission of Spain into the United Nations Organisation marked her return to the international community. It constituted a set-back for opposition circles which had argued that Spain must change her regime in order to achieve full international recognition.

Urgent Need

Now, in the year in which he will complete 20 years since he first became head of Nationalist Spain on October 1, 1936, General Franco is expected to mark 1956 by the inauguration of a new, and fourth, stage of his rule.

This fourth stage will aim at giving the nation a permanent political framework, a long term economic policy aimed at raising the purchasing power of the masses, and at a two-pronged drive to end illiteracy and to provide adequate housing.

The urgent need for economic and social reform was stressed recently by the Labour Minister, Senor Jose Antonio Giron, who said: "People today want to live to some better purpose than just to earn sufficient bread to exist."—China Mail Special.

300 Pilgrims Stranded In Jordan

Jerusalem, Jan. 10.
Three hundred out of 600 Greek Orthodox pilgrims who visited Bethlehem in Jordan for a celebration of the Orthodox Greek Christmas last Friday were stranded in Jordan, returning pilgrims said here to-
night.

Three hundred pilgrims reached the Israeli sector of Jerusalem in the afternoon in an armed convoy, protected by Jordan troops and armed Jordan police. They said that when passing an Arab refugee camp near Jericho, they had been seized by the inhabitants of the camp. The situation in Jordan, they said, was still tense.—France-
Presse.

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Hostesses In Training



Five Japanese girls, all from Tokyo, chosen by British Overseas Airways Corporation to train as air hostesses for their Far Eastern flights, are being schooled in the art of serving meals and attending to passengers at the BOAC Training Centre at Heston. Picture shows them receiving instruction in serving wines and foods aboard a mock air-liner.—Express Photo.

Mail Notices

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Thailand, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Europe, 6 p.m.
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Macao, 8 p.m.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12
By Air
Japan, 5 a.m.
Canada, 6 a.m.
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 10 a.m.
Thailand, Pakistan, Lebanon, Ger-
many and Great Britain, Noon
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Europe, 2 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Macao, 2 p.m.
Japan, 1 p.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, India, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain and Europe, 2 p.m.
Macao, 2 p.m.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 13
By Air
Formosa, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, 11 a.m.
Guam, Hawaii, USA, 1 p.m.

Penny Saves Weasel

Melbourne, Jan. 10.
A penny and a piece from a pressure stove helped an Australian expedition press 220 miles into the Antarctic Continent after their tracked Weasel carrier broke down. The explorers used them to seal off the engine cylinder which was not working and the ice on its remaining five cylinders, according to reports reaching here. The expedition surveyed a possible gap through a range of mountains which blocks the way south from the Australian base at Mawson.—China Mail Special.

New Controversy In New Zealand Over Immigration

Wellington, Jan. 10.

Reports reaching here of Australia's recent celebrations on the arrival of her millionth immigrant, have raised a new controversy over New Zealand's own immigration policy.

Whether New Zealand needs "to populate or perish" has never been decided unanimously here. Most people agree that some immigration is desirable, but there is a faction which believes that the cure for all the country's economic ills lies in a large scale influx of people from Britain and Europe.

The chief advocate of those who would step up the rate of immigration is Mr. A. L. Hunt, president of the Dominion Settlement and Population Association, who said that it was disturbing that at a time of unparalleled prosperity, im-
migration was declining instead of increasing.

Maximum Increase

To all of which, the President of the Federation of Labour, Mr. G. P. Walsh, retorted: "New Zealand's percentage increase of population during the last four years is higher than that of Australia"—9.9 per cent compared with 9.4 per cent in Australia.

The maximum annual popula-
tion increase which the country can absorb without damaging the economy is 2½ per cent, according to Professor Horace Belshaw, the New Zealand economist.

The actual annual increase for each of the past four years has been 2.23 per cent, 2.74 per cent, and 2.48 per cent and 2.10 per cent respectively—which shows that whether by accident or design, the Government's policy is in line with Professor Belshaw's theory.

Many union leaders are known however, to be opposed to even the present rate of im-
migration. Jealousy guarding the rights and privileges won by workers over the years, they declare that immigrants are prepared to work through morning tea breaks and other ways to allow the standard of working conditions to be lowered.—China Mail Special.

An intake of 50,000 im-
migrants a year would be more realistic, Mr. Hunt said. He claimed that the Federa-
tion of Labour, representative of the country's trade union movement, was whipping up public opinion against immigration and accused it of opposing the recruitment of more labour.

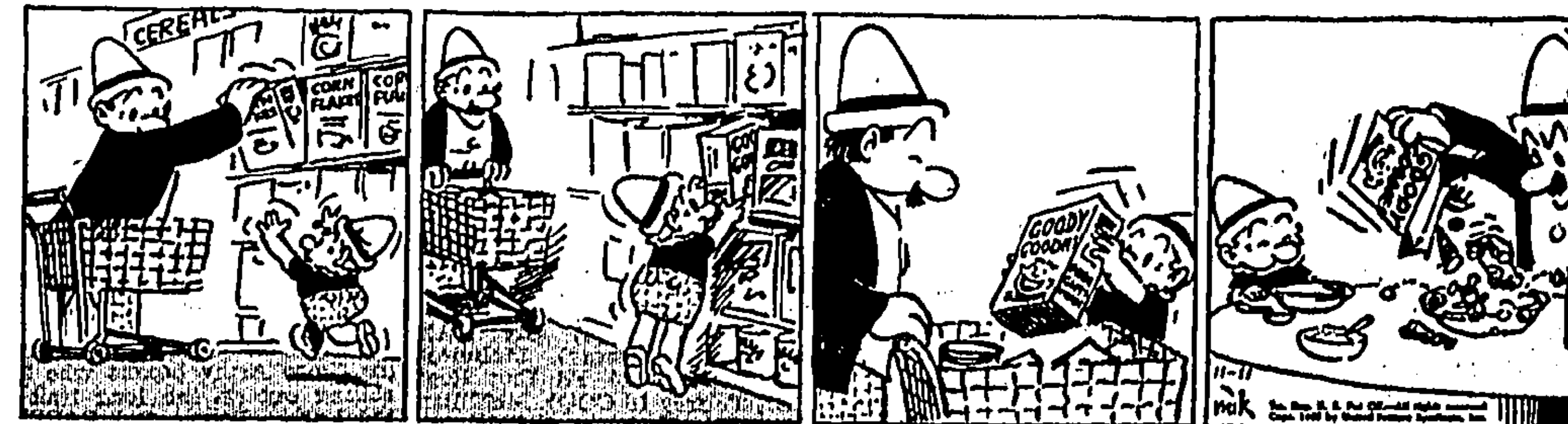
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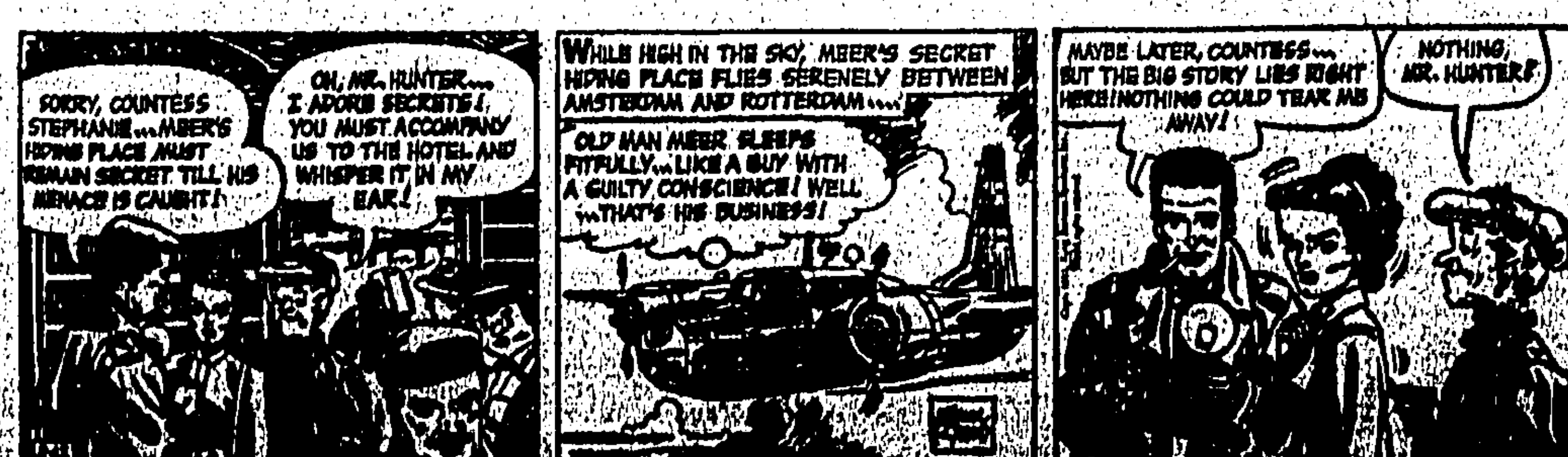
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1956.

Aid For Shivering Street Sleepers

Mission Workers' Nightly Mission Of Mercy

BY WILLIAM SMYLY

Another night of intense cold for the Colony's 6,000 street-sleepers brought out new stocks of welfare clothing and bedding from many organizations yesterday for distribution.

Among the Colony's homeless the word spread round — "You can get it here — They are giving it away there — Hot soup — Children's clothing — Men's overcoats — Blankets — Bedding —"

Relief organizations, about whom the rumors circulated, were besieged.

In the words of one of the veteran workers, the Rev. A.K. Rott (74) who has worked in a steady, expanding relief organization since 1945, "The trouble is to get it out to the people who need it most."

The Rottos themselves, living in the same cramped, cold flat at 563 Nathan Road where they have lived for 41 years, are the Japanese acquisition of Hong Kong, have a continual stream of people knocking on their glass door, asking for aid.

Mr. Rott, called "Dad" by the street-sleepers, says that the relief work is a 24-hour job. Throughout the 41 days, every other floor in the building and every other building in the area was searched by the Japanese. Troops were billeted below. But no one ever thought of knocking at the glass door on the first floor of 563.

When in the end they found out and they sent a Chinese boy to tell the Japanese that they were there, then efforts could not believe it.

THE ANGEL

An angel is still at the Rottos' door. But now it takes the form of a Cantonese serving girl with a prodigious memory for faces and a mind that "smells out a phony." Mary is the person who sees a face too often. She has even caught a thief in a small boy outside to hold their coat, while they went up to the Rottos' house swiping in their shirts to beg for another.

The problem is still how to reach the ones that most need the aid that the Rottos receive in their hard and busy lives.

Yesterday, clothing and quilts in packed bundles of 200 lb and more were sent out for distribution at extension of the mission at Aberdeen, Cheung Chau, Lantau, Mo, Fan, Chu, and Pokfulam.

TO THE STREETS

But the main distribution came late last night when the streets were quiet and street-sleepers shivered on the pavement. The missionaries took the goods to the streets and gave them away right there.

Mr. Rott knocked on a roof of packing cases and called out "How many people inside? Here is something to keep you warm. We are from the Church. Here is something to keep you warm."

Mr. Norman Turner (teacher at the mission's Bible School) jerked aside a blanket hiding a bundle on the street to uncover a mother and three children curled up like wretched little animals by their dim, turned-worked flares. "Here—four of you—four blankets."

The Rev. Paul Sweet was no less busy. Editor of the Mission's life line—a magazine in America called The Flashlight which he writes up in Hong Kong and prints in the States—he was busy with camera and flash equipment taking pictures of the way the people live that the mission serves... pictures that will bring more old overcoats and quilts from the States and the supporting readers and church groups in America.

Mr. Chan Luk, a Chinese missionary, also distributed with the Rev. Paul Sweet. The Rev. Russell Clark, an American, turned an ancient Ford keeping pace

with the distributors and guarding their stock.

When the old car drove into the street it was empty. Before the distribution was over the car was the centre of a crowd, and every bundle of clothing or blankets on a distributor's arm was the centre of a smaller swarm. Small hands tugged at every tag of clothing till it was hard to keep the bundle intact with one arm and distribute with the other hand.

By the time distributors had passed up the line of shacks, hawls, and covered forms lying on door steps, or on the ground, the street was filled with people and the distributors had to fight their way back to the car and drive off quickly.

The distribution has gone on for many nights. Sometimes in a rough area they have to finish and drive off before completing a section for fear that rough men, desperate with cold, will scum the stock and help themselves. In such cases the distributors usually return quietly at some dead hour the following night and take up again at the place where they were driven off before.

NOT A STUNT

God's tiny small mission at 563 Nathan Road has covered most of the street during the night. But the mission is not a "cold spell stunt" got up on the spot.

Behind the operation is a daily and a programme in the United States buying time on 12 radio net works and services for a daily (and on some of them twice-daily) programme. Radio listeners buy the magazine. Magazine readers work in church groups making patchwork quilts. Five packers work the year round at the organization's headquarters—a studio and warehouse in California—sorting and packing. And all the year round the bales come out to Hong Kong in monthly shipments till there is no longer any room to move on the Rottos' verandah or in the mission's verity. Then winter comes again, and the old Ford starts under its nightly load.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"We'd better break him of his 2 o'clock feeding pretty soon, or we'll get big faster than he does!"



Eager hands of a family of street-sleepers reach out for clothing and other forms of aid. The picture was taken last night as Mr. Rott and his colleagues toured a street-sleepers' area in Kowloon on an errand of mercy.

8 PRETTY GIRLS ARE THE ANSWER TO A BOAC HEADACHE

Eight pretty girls, chosen from 90 applicants, were introduced to the Hongkong Press this morning. They are BOAC's answer to the air company's biggest headache in the Far East — helping passengers who don't read English to fill in vaccination forms.

Company officials admit that most English passengers can't always make head or tail of the mass of documents that they have to fill in with blunt pencils or leaky unpressurised fountain pens as their aircraft glides in towards yet another air terminal in another country with local regulations.

However, the English staff in an aircraft can usually cope with enquiries in English, or a number of European languages, about the complexities of the forms.

But the problem becomes quite different when an English stewardess has to bare her arm and scratch it with a manicured finger nail—in trying to ask a giggling Japanese passenger the exact date of his or her last smallpox vaccination, and other equally complicated questions.

90 APPLICANTS

So, new forms were made out by the air line. This time they were application forms for pretty girls who wanted a well paid job flying between Hong Kong, Singapore, Bangkok, Rangoon, and Calcutta dealing with the problem of vaccination papers—and at the same time looking as pretty and pleasant as possible.

A personnel manager flew out from England. A chief air-hostess followed. They collected a group of language experts to hold oral examinations in the various languages required.

And they summoned the 90 girls who filled in the application forms to come for an interview, at which they chose the best.

the smartest, the most efficient, and—by all appearances—though the company deny it—the prettiest.

Eleven were chosen. Three failed the medical examination. Eight fly to England on Saturday. And the company are still looking for three more.

In England the girls will study nursing, catering, "the habits and customs of different nations" otherwise called "sociology" otherwise called "good manners", how to serve meals in an aircraft, and how to fill in forms.

When they get back they will have a job that entitles them to almost free air travel to any place in the world as often as they can manage holiday trips on their accumulated days off and annual three weeks holidays.

And a further development which the scheme may have is the engagement of ground staff from Hong Kong to work on the Corporation's headquarters in London and other main terminals.

DELAYED

The group of Hongkong girls were to have left for England at the same time as a group of five Japanese girls who were recently sent for training to work on the Hongkong-Tokyo run, but they were delayed by passport difficulties. Of the eight girls, two have British passports. The rest come from Shanghai and require special documents.

The eight girls are Miss Ruby Huang (19) speaking Mandarin, Cantonese, Shanghai dialect, and English; Miss Grace Eva Chang (25) speaking Mandarin, Shanghai, Cantonese, and English; Miss Mary Jo Kay (22) speaking English, Korean, Japanese, French, Shanghai, and Cantonese; Miss Edith Chan (22) speaking Mandarin, Cantonese, and English; Miss Jenny Wang (20) speaking Cantonese, Mandarin, Shanghai, and English; Miss Shirley Dee (24) speaking Shanghai, Cantonese, Mandarin, and English; Miss Lily Ning (20) speaking English, Shanghai, Mandarin, and Cantonese; and Miss Rose Wou (31) speaking Mandarin, Shanghai, Cantonese, and English.

All the girls are unmarried. But the company states that it does not insist on unmarried girls. If any of the girls should get married, she could still go on being an air hostess as far as the company is concerned—but her husband would have to pay his own fare if he wanted to join her on one of her free trips for a holiday.

PIER ON FIRE

Houston, Texas, Jan. 10. Pier No. 1 of the Todd Shipyard on the Houston ship channel caught fire today and the Norwegian tanker Nyholm was reported caught in the flames and possibly burning.

One unconfirmed report said the crew was still on the ship. There was no explanation as to why the ship did not move out into the channel and away from the fire.—United Press.

MASTER MARINER'S LIBEL ACTION

This Morning's Cross-Examination Of Captain Hood

Mr James M. Hood, Master Mariner, who is suing the Associated Press, Windsor House, for damages for alleged libel, denied at the Supreme Court this morning that he was not so much interested in clearing his reputation as in acquiring an award of damages.

Mr Hood, who was replying to questions by Defence Counsel during cross-examination, declared that he had said during previous proceedings in London that it was not the money he was after.

The action is being heard before Mr Justice James Wickes and a Special Jury of six men and a woman.

Plaintiff's claim is for damages for libel allegedly contained in an article headed "Sailors on blockade runner mutiny, take ship to Taiwan," and published in the Hongkong Tiger Standard on August 16, 1951. Defendants are alleged, in that article, to have printed and published or caused to be printed and published, matter defamatory to the plaintiff.

Plaintiff claims that by reason of the publication complained of he had suffered a loss of earnings at the rate of \$2,000 per month and in addition subsistence allowance at the rate of \$500 per month. He also claims special damages for loss of earnings and subsistence allowance at the rate of \$2,500 per month from November 15, 1951, and for general damages.

Yesterday, plaintiff testified that the ss Capela, of which he was master at the time, was cleared from Hong Kong for Kobe and that he did not receive any instructions contrary to that, and had no intention of going to any port in Communist China.

Mr Richard Winter, instructed by Mr Peter Mo, is representing plaintiff. Defendants are represented by Mr John McNeill, QC, and Mr A. J. Clifford, both instructed by Mr R. F. G. Dennis, of Brutton and Co.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

Continuing his cross-examination of Mr Hood this morning, Mr McNeill asked him if his story was that, as a result of the alleged libel, it was impossible for him to get a job as a ship's master.

Plaintiff replied he could not get a regular, proper job. Asked what he meant by this, he said he could not get a job with a properly regulated shipping company.

Questioned further, plaintiff said he knew enough of the duties of a master to say whether or not a master should or should not sign shipping clearances.

Mr McNeill asked plaintiff whether he signed the Panamanian Consulate clearance, with regard to the ship's incident. Plaintiff said he was clear. But he did not sign the Hongkong clearance.

He agreed that after the Capela incident he made out a report of it to Wallem and Co., the ship's agents, on the company's instructions. He did not think that in that report he had stated that he signed both clearances.

Counsel then asked Mr Hood if he had any personal knowledge of the way in which the news items regarding the Capela was handled at Times by Associated Press. Plaintiff said he had not.

Mr McNeill: Do you know Mr Spencer Moosa of the Associated Press?

Plaintiff: No. Never heard of him.

Have you ever had any contact with the Associated Press before the incident?—No.

NO REASON

Can you think of any single reason why the Associated Press should entertain any feeling of malice towards you?—No reason at all.

Replying to further questions, Mr Hood agreed that when his Counsel (Mr Winter) opened his case he had said that the case was concerned with two things: damages and the restoration of his reputation. Asked if he would put his claim in that order, plaintiff said his reputation came first.

That was why, he added, he had returned to Hong Kong. Mr McNeill: You appreciate, don't you that when you issued

your writ against the South China Morning Post in 1951, an apology had already been published?

Plaintiff: Yes. The apology was satisfactory to you?—It was not the kind we wanted. . . .

NOT SATISFIED

Were you or were you not satisfied with that apology published by the South China Morning Post?—No.

Nevertheless you settled that action for the sum of \$10,000.—Yes.

Plaintiff also said that he had also not been satisfied with the apology published by the Hongkong Standard.

Mr McNeill then asked plaintiff how many newspapers were concerned in the printing of the alleged libel. Mr Hood replied there were 12 newspapers. In New Zealand, a New Zealand news agency and Loyco Shipping, in London. Damages were awarded to him in all these cases.

Asked if he intended to bring any further action against any one or any institution, Mr Hood said he did not. He said the present case was the last. He agreed he could have sued the Hongkong Tiger Standard, but he wanted to set to the root of the trouble.

Mr McNeill asked if he could rely on plaintiff's statement when he said he would not sue the Hongkong Tiger Standard. Plaintiff replied: "I have no already attempted it. There would be no object in it."

CHANGED MIND

Mr Hood agreed that in New Zealand he had said he did not intend to come to Hong Kong, but subsequently he changed his mind. After Associated Press had apologised the matter had ended, but he changed his mind about taking no further action against defendants when they and Brutton and Co. sent photostat copies of defamatory statements and other documents to Reuters and

Radio Hongkong

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